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HELD AT

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FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

FIRST DAY.

ST. PAUL, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1897.

The forty-fourth annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota was held in Masonic Hall, St. Paul, commencing at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 13, A. D. 1897, A.·. L.·. 5897.

The Grand Master, assisted by other Grand Officers present, opened a lodge of Master Masons preparatory to the opening of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of lodges, reporting 195 represented out of 202 on the roll.

A majority being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Irving Todd (7) as Assistant Grand Secretary during the session.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Master appointed as the Committee on Credentials Bros. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary, W. B. Patton (79), and J. D. Carroll (118).

The Grand Secretary, having a list prepared of all entitled to seats, after proxies were received and noted, presented the following report, which was accepted and the committee continued.

The corrected report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Credentials reports that there are present 15 Grand Officers, 20 permanent members and —— representatives of 195 out of 202 chartered lodges (including —— proxies), as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. James F. Lawless.....Grand Master
R.·. W.·. Alonzo T. Stebbins.....Deputy Grand Master
R.·. W.·. Alonzo Brandenburg.....Senior Grand Warden
R.·. W.·. John H. Randall.....Junior Grand Warden
R.·. W.·. Joseph H. Thompson.....Grand Treasurer
R.·. W.·. Thomas Montgomery.....Grand Secretary
W.·. L. R. Barto.....Grand Orator
W.·. Rev. L. D. Boynton.....Grand Chaplain
W.·. Thomas H. Warren.....Senior Grand Deacon
W.·. Milton McFadden.....Junior Grand Deacon
W.·. Thomas Morris.....Grand Marshal
W.·. J. Q. Mackintosh.....Grand Standard Bearer
W.·. Henry R. Adams.....Senior Grand Steward
W.·. Benj. F. Thurber.....Junior Grand Steward
W.·. Jean C. Fischer.....Grand Tyler

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Past Grand Masters—Charles W. Nash, Chas. Griswold, E. W. Durant, Henry R. Wells, Henry R. Denny, R. H. Gove, A. Barto, W. F. Dickinson, C. L. Brown.

Past Deputy Grand Masters—Geo. H. Davis, Chas. L. West.

Past Senior Grand Wardens—T. J. Lombard, S. E. Adams, Edgar Nash, Chas. D. Boyce.

Past Junior Grand Wardens—Wm. Lee, E. P. Barnum, H. C. Shepard, Wm. B. Patton, J. D. Markham.

REPRESENTATIVES.

St. Johns, No. 1..... Fred A. Lenox, W.·. M.·.
Thos. M. Warren, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Cataract, No. 2..... H. J. Putman, W.·. M.·.
R. H. Hartley, S.·. W.·.
B. H. Timberlake, J.·. W.·.

St. Paul, No. 3	Edward McStay, W.·. M.·.
	S. A. Farnsworth, S.·. W.·.
Hennepin, No. 4	Robert T. McAdam, W.·. M.·.
	R. D. Webb, S.·. W.·.
	A. K. Norton, J.·. W.·.
Ancient Landmark, No. 5	John D. Grant, J.·. W.·.
Dakota, No. 7	C. W. Munroe, W.·. M.·.
	A. E. Worthington, proxy for S.·. W.·.
	Irving Todd, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Red Wing, No. 8	Hugo J. Herder, W.·. M.·.
	A. J. Kappel, S.·. W.·.
	R. A. Pratt, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Faribault, No. 9	H. L. Luther, W.·. M.·.
	J. R. Smith, S.·. W.·.
	T. A. Stewart, J.·. W.·.
Mantorville, No. 11	J. M. F. Cooper, W.·. M.·.
	A. A. Culver, proxy for S.·. W.·.
	H. A. Crampton, J.·. W.·.
Mankato, No. 12	Hugh McMurtrie, W.·. M.·.
	Clark Keysor, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Wapahasa, No. 14	M. W. Dady, W.·. M.·.
	J. A. Vandyke, S.·. W.·.
	Linn Whitmore, J.·. W.·.
Monticello, No. 16	M. J. Kingsbury, W.·. M.·.
	Bert. M. Barker, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Hokah, No. 17	A. J. Snure, W.·. M.·.
Winona, No. 18	O. M. Botsford, J.·. W.·.
Minneapolis, No. 19	H. D. Dickinson, W.·. M.·.
	C. E. Ovenshire, S.·. W.·.
	H. M. Myers, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Caledonia, No. 20	Moses Emery, W.·. M.·.
	C. C. Hellickson, S.·. W.·.
Rochester, No. 21	John M. Rowley, W.·. M.·.
	C. E. Callahan, S.·. W.·.
Pleasant Grove, No. 22	O. H. Page, proxy for W.·. M.·.
North Star, No. 23	David T. Calhoun, W.·. M.·.
	J. C. Munro, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Wilton, No. 24	George Hofeld, W.·. M.·.
Western Star, No. 26	J. S. Chapman, W.·. M.·.
Blue Earth Valley, No. 27	Joseph H. Finch, W.·. M.·.
Clearwater, No. 28	W. V. Davee, W.·. M.·.
Morning Star, No. 29	Daniel W. Luther, W.·. M.·.
	John W. Welch, S.·. W.·.
Anoka, No. 30	H. O. Hilton, W.·. M.·.
	O. L. Cutter, proxy for S.·. W.·.
King Hiram, No. 31	E. R. Bristol, W.·. M.·.

Sakatah, No. 32.....H. E. Blair, proxy for W.·. M.·.
Star in the East, No. 33.....P. J. Rolfe, W.·. M.·.
Oriental, No. 34.....Foster B. Seager, W.·. M.·.
Chas. S. Smith, S.·. W.·.
Mount Moriah, No. 35.....A. M. Adsit, W.·. M.·.
Preston, No. 36.....Harry E. Wertz, W.·. M.·.
W. W. Foote, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Mystic Tie, No. 37.....T. H. Bunn, W.·. M.·.
A. H. Irish, S.·. W.·.
S. M. Burpe, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Washington, No. 38.....D. C. Gardner, W.·. M.·.
Fidelity, No. 39.....A. C. Page, W.·. M.·.
F. B. Wood, S.·. W.·.
W. H. Adams, J.·. W.·.
Carnelian, No. 40.....L. S. Lutz, W.·. M.·.
Hermon, No. 41.....E. Woodbury, W.·. M.·.
F. W. Fulkerson, S.·. W.·.
Hope, No. 42.....Merrill C. Tift, W.·. M.·.
Robt. S. Miles, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Harmony, No. 43..... Lewis J. Baldwin, W.·. M.·.
King Solomon, No. 44..... C. C. Storer, proxy for W.·. M.·.
J. H. Isenhour, J.·. W.·.
Union, No. 45.....E. F. Barrett, W.·. M.·.
Evergreen, No. 46.....S. L. Gaskill, W.·. M.·.
Concord, No. 47.....John W. Chambers, W.·. M.·.
Corlett Hill, proxy for S.·. W.·.
M. A. Hill, J.·. W.·.
Social, No. 48.....H. L. Cruttenden, W.·. M.·.
John S. Way, Jr., proxy for S.·. W.·.
L. O. Olsen, J.·. W.·.
Rising Sun, No. 49.....A. W. Mowbray, W.·. M.·.
Watertown, No. 50.....Walter St. John, W.·. M.·.
Acacia, No. 51.....A. H. Steen, W.·. M.·.
John Siebolds, S.·. W.·.
Chas. H. Gilmore, J.·. W.·.
Cannon River, No. 52.....Judson C. Temple, W.·. M.·.
William L. Eddy, S.·. W.·.
Wm. C. Morgan, J.·. W.·.
Nicollet, No. 54.....W. H. Hall, proxy for W.·. M.·.
Zion, No. 55..... Ed. H. Folsom, W.·. M.·.
Meridian, No. 56.....John Chermak, W.·. M.·.
Chas. M. Cooper, S.·. W.·.
Otto E. Jorgenson, J.·. W.·.
Blue Earth City, No. 57.....J. H. Sprout, W.·. M.·.
Spring Valley, No. 58.....Benj. F. Farmer, W.·. M.·.
W. D. Hart, S.·. W.·.
G. M. Warren, proxy for J.·. W.·.

Temple, No. 59	W. W. Sivright, W.·. M.·.
Star in the West, No. 60	Chas. S. Allen, W.·. M.·.
	John F. Dimond, J.·. W.·.
Ashler, No. 61	George L. Wood, W.·. M.·.
	Chas. H. Dunn, S.·. W.·.
Star, No. 62	D. R. Thompson, W.·. M.·.
	F. H. Johnson, S.·. W.·.
Illustrious, No. 63	Frank A. Wells, W.·. M.·.
	A. Smith, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Chain Lake, No. 64	Valentine Wohlhuter, W.·. M.·.
Golden Rule, No. 65	Frank Jackson, W.·. M.·.
	C. V. Holmstrom, S.·. W.·.
Madelia, No. 66	J. F. Furber, proxy for W.·. M.·.
	J. E. Haycraft, S.·. W.·.
	J. E. Haycraft, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Corinthian, No. 67	Chas. O. Wescott, W.·. M.·.
Mystic Star, No. 69	W. F. Drake, W.·. M.·.
	G. W. Rockwell, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Paynesville, No. 71	H. A. Wells, W.·. M.·.
	R. J. Tuttle, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Lansing, No. 72	Samuel C. Seavey, W.·. M.·.
	Harcar Lyons, J.·. W.·.
Brownsville, No. 73	E. M. Winslow, proxy for W.·. M.·.
Eureka, No. 75	George W. Palmer, W.·. M.·.
	W. M. Walker, S.·. W.·.
Joppa, No. 76	Lysander Cook, W.·. M.·.
Tuscan, No. 77	Chas. M. Hawkes, J.·. W.·.
Mystic Circle, No. 78	Peter Hanson, W.·. M.·.
	C. F. Schonlau, proxy for S.·. W.·.
	Charles T. Olson, J.·. W.·.
Palestine, No. 79	W. A. McGonagle, W.·. M.·.
Henderson, No. 80	Aug. L. Poehler, J.·. W.·.
Constellation, No. 81	W. B. Mitson, W.·. M.·.
Howard, No. 82	E. H. Learned, W.·. M.·.
Huram Abi, No. 83	C. L. Chambers, W.·. M.·.
	E. E. Huelster, S.·. W.·.
	J. J. McCaughey, J.·. W.·.
Orient, No. 84	Chas. Tiffany, S.·. W.·.
High Forest, No. 85	V. C. Dickey, W.·. M.·.
Tyrian, No. 86	J. B. Gregoire, W.·. M.·.
	E. L. Ford, S.·. W.·.
	M. J. Rucker, J.·. W.·.
Doric, No. 87	J. A. Johnson, S.·. W.·.
Golden Fleece, No. 89	Peter Berens, W.·. M.·.
	M. E. Baun, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Good Faith, No. 90	W. C. Portmann, W.·. M.·.
	H. J. Hoovel, proxy for J.·. W.·.

Antiquity, No. 91..... W. R. Caswell, W.·. M.·.
J. A. Schmahl, S.·. W.·.
O. L. Dornberg, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Fraternal, No. 92.....Charles A. Jack, W.·. M.·.
Unity, No. 93.....Fred. N. Sartell, W.·. M.·.
A. L. Smitten, J.·. W.·.
Keystone, No. 94.....J. R. L. Hanson, W.·. M.·.
Sherburne, No. 95.....Weston Merrifield, S.·. W.·.
Libanus, No. 96.....G. W. Hiles, W.·. M.·.
George Knudson, S.·. W.·.
Prudence, No. 97.....Frank Stedman, W.·. M.·.
Charity, No. 98.....C. W. Heiman, W.·. M.·.
George Doster, J.·. W.·.
Corner Stone, No. 99.....J. T. Johnson, W.·. M.·.
E. E. Corliss, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Aurora, No. 100.....F. B. Johnson, J.·. W.·.
Fraternity, No. 101.....H. E. Torrance, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Isaac P. Durfee, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Lebanon, No. 102.....W. W. Wall, W.·. M.·.
Bethel, No. 103.....John W. Williams, W.·. M.·.
Sharon, No. 104.....Olof Olson, W.·. M.·.
Mount Tabor, No. 106.....E. D. Holmes, S.·. W.·.
Relief, No. 108.....George W. Ballard, W.·. M.·.
Wm. B. Parsons, S.·. W.·.
Sunset, No. 109.....R. S. Bacon, W.·. M.·.
A. B. Tredway, S.·. W.·.
Pickwick, No. 110.....E. B. Huffman, proxy for Lodge.
Carver, No. 111.....George C. E. Goetze, W.·. M.·.
Wm. H. Caspari, S.·. W.·.
O. C. Brunius, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Khurum, No. 112.....David W. Knowlton, W.·. M.·.
John H. Abbott, S.·. W.·.
Excelsior, No. 113.....W. B. Mason, W.·. M.·.
A. H. Lyman, S.·. W.·.
C. O. Woodruff, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Ben Franklin, No. 114.....Jay A. Kennicott, J.·. W.·.
Elgin, No. 115.....J. W. Bryant, W.·. M.·.
Lafayette, No. 116.....A. B. Warren, proxy for W.·. M.·.
Chas. C. Erickson, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Granite, No. 117.....James K. Stone, W.·. M.·.
Newport, No. 118.....John D. Carroll, W.·. M.·.
J. Q. Mackintosh, proxy for S.·. W.·.
H. J. Baily, J.·. W.·.
Delta, No. 119.....O. E. Maxson, W.·. M.·.
Jas. B. Gibbons, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Grand Meadow, No. 121.....George W. Day, W.·. M.·.
Kellogg, No. 122.....M. K. Wolfe, W.·. M.·.

Prairie, No. 123.....Not represented.
Janesville, No. 124.....D. J. Dodge, W.·. M.·.
H. A. Comstock, proxy for S.·. W.·.
H. A. Comstock, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Winslow Lewis, No. 125.....E. J. Storms, W.·. M.·.
Moorhead, No. 126.....J. B. Auker, W.·. M.·.
Josephus, No. 128.....James P. Emerson, W.·. M.·.
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Olaf Dahl, J.·. W.·.
Humboldt, No. 132.....August H. Ackermann, W.·. M.·.
Chas. Hansen, S.·. W.·.
Golden Sheaf, No. 133.....W. B. Hancock, W.·. M.·.
C. H. Leaman, S.·. W.·.
D. G. Linsley, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Cokato, No. 134.....Mencer Johnson, W.·. M.·.
J. A. Stenberg, S.·. W.·.
A. O. Hortom, J.·. W.·.
Nelson, No. 135.....O. H. Bushnell, W.·. M.·.
E. E. Williams, J.·. W.·.
Walnut, No. 136.....Not represented.
Appleton, No. 137.....J. R. Dow, W.·. M.·.
A. D. Countryman, proxy for S.·. W.·.
C. W. Stanton, J.·. W.·.
Orion, No. 138.....James K. Strong, W.·. M.·.
Nels J. Walen, S.·. W.·.
E. A. D. Salter, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Verndale, No. 139.....C. Ditmore, J.·. W.·.
Little Falls, No. 140.....O. C. Trace, W.·. M.·.
L. D. Brown, S.·. W.·.
Crookston, No. 141.....A. C. Cowing, S.·. W.·.
Currie, No. 142..... Not represented.
Lake View, No. 143..... P. H. Foote, proxy for W.·. M.·.
Henry L. Zweiner, S.·. W.·.
Bird Island, No. 144..... H. H. Gokey, W.·. M.·.
Melrose, No. 145.....J. E. Campbell, proxy for Lodge.
Benton, No. 146.....James M. Addington, W.·. M.·.
H. A. Hanson, proxy for S.·. W.·.
C. W. Stites, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Canby, No. 147.....J. P. Lester, W.·. M.·.
Geo. W. Allen, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Quarry, No. 148.....Wm. McGillivray, W.·. M.·.
George W. Nash, S.·. W.·.
C. W. Gilmore, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Guardian, No. 149.....A. H. Wilson, W.·. M.·.

Warren, No. 150	W. N. Powell, W.·. M.·.
Chaska, No. 151	Not represented.
Frontier, No. 152	Geo. L. Bonney, proxy for Lodge.
Kodahya, No. 153	A. S. Crossfield, proxy for W.·. M.·.
	H. W. Dezotell, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Norman, No. 154	Peter Sharpe, W.·. M.·.
	A. G. Gerber, J.·. W.·.
Tracy, No. 155	Fremont S. Brown, W.·. M.·.
Wadena, No. 156	John Dower, W.·. M.·.
	John Liddell, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Perham, No. 157	M. Poppler, W.·. M.·.
Hector, No. 158	H. A. Reed, W.·. M.·.
Long Prairie, No. 159	D. A. Tufts, W.·. M.·.
Plymouth, No. 160	Stephen P. Wright, W.·. M.·.
	Otto Lohff, S.·. W.·.
	John Chadwick, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Sincerity, No. 161	W. R. Holly, W.·. M.·.
Prescott, No. 162	Rufus P. Wells, W.·. M.·.
Summit, No. 163	C. F. F. Abbott, proxy for W.·. M.·.
	H. M. Tusler, proxy for S.·. W.·.
	R. C. Hine, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Jasper, No. 164	John D. Hoar, S.·. W.·.
	J. Simon McDonald, J.·. W.·.
Minnehaha, No. 165	W. O. Clark, W.·. M.·.
	E. R. Williams, S.·. W.·.
	C. A. Tilbury, J.·. W.·.
Garnet, No. 166	David Hanna, W.·. M.·.
	Thos. C. Fulton, S.·. W.·.
	George Maroe, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Agate, No. 167	Not represented.
Braden, No. 168	Alfred W. Jones, W.·. M.·.
	Charles W. Hill, S.·. W.·.
	Geo. Brookins, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Pierson, No. 169	Thomas Gunness, J.·. W.·.
Fulda, No. 170	George Hanson, J.·. W.·.
Shekinah, No. 171	V. J. Hawkins, W.·. M.·.
	Thos. Yould, S.·. W.·.
Marietta, No. 172	H. M. Griffin, W.·. M.·.
Plumb Line, No. 173	John W. Baker, W.·. M.·.
Valley, No. 174	Carl L. Peterson, W.·. M.·.
	P. P. Johnson, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Roman Eagle, No. 175	Chas. C. May, W.·. M.·.
	J. C. Becker, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Ark, No. 176	Charles Wilkins, W.·. M.·.
	Leon A. Cox, S.·. W.·.
	Wm. A. Elliott, J.·. W.·.

Rough Ashler, No. 177.....E. E. Chard, W.·. M.·.
P. Bills, S.·. W.·.
Anchor, No. 178.....Gilbert A. Hollenbeck, W.·. M.·.
Eugene A. Bowers, S.·. W.·.
Geo. E. Estey, proxy for J.·. W.·.
King David, No. 179.....H. E. Stewart, S.·. W.·.
Osakis, No. 180.....George R. Babbitt, W.·. M.·.
Dalles, No. 181.....Frank P. Thompson, W.·. M.·.
Fair Haven, No. 182.....P. S. Rudolph, W.·. M.·.
W. O. Sterling, proxy for S.·. W.·.
W. S. Ives, J.·. W.·.
Shell, No. 184.....Joseph W. Blood, W.·. M.·.
Midway, No. 185.....Charles N. Akers, W.·. M.·.
R. D. Bloomfield, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Wm. T. Rich, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Ionic, No. 186.....F. W. Kugler, W.·. M.·.
C. E. Richardson, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Arcana, No. 187.....J. D. Tolman, W.·. M.·.
C. M. Kinmore, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Geo. L. Dingman, J.·. W.·.
Fortitude, No. 188.....Not represented.
Traverse, No. 189.....T. K. Mork, W.·. M.·.
Geo. E. Jackson, J.·. W.·.
Triune, No. 190.....Joseph C. Henry, W.·. M.·.
Chas. M. Benham, S.·. W.·.
B. J. Sturtevant, J.·. W.·.
Mizpah, No. 191.....E. C. Shibley, W.·. M.·.
Crow River, No. 192.....I. E. Peterson, S.·. W.·.
Amboy, No. 193.....Not represented.
Canton, No. 194.....J. W. Funk, W.·. M.·.
M. C. Wilford, S.·. W.·.
Renville, No. 195.....S. F. Dusterhoft, W.·. M.·.
E. H. Heins, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Geneva, No. 196.....Christian D. Obricht, S.·. W.·.
Vermillion, No. 197.....W. N. Shephard, proxy for W.·. M.·.
Euclid, No. 198.....L. A. Barnes, S.·. W.·.
Murray, No. 199.....Robert J. Henderson, W.·. M.·.
Wm. B. Stine, S.·. W.·.
Zenith, No. 200.....Not represented.
Kenyon, No. 201.....John Holme, W.·. M.·.
Venus, No. 202.....W. H. Coons, W.·. M.·.
Colin McNichol, proxy for S.·. W.·.
C. H. Sullivan, J.·. W.·.
Stewartville, No. 203.....R. W. Whitney, proxy for W.·. M.·.
C. N. Stewart, proxy for S.·. W.·.
R. W. Whitney, J.·. W.·.

St. Elmo, No. 204.....Andrew Rae, W.·. M.·.
Edward Burg, S.·. W.·.
H. D. Jenckes, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Wayzata, No. 205.....Wm. Bushnell, W.·. M.·.
H. L. Boomhower, S.·. W.·.
Fosston, No. 206.....Sever S. Stadsvold, proxy for Lodge.
Crescent, No. 207.....E. E. Daniels, W.·. M.·.
I. N. Smith, J.·. W.·.
Itasca, No. 208..... Arthur A. Kremer, J.·. W.·.
Sibley, No. 209.....E. A. Campbell, W.·. M.·.
H. A. Sauer, S.·. W.·.
Columbian, No. 210.....C. R. J. Kellam, J.·. W.·.
Friendship, No. 211.....C. N. Slawson, W.·. M.·.
D. M. Baldwin, Jr., proxy for J.·. W.·.
Hallock, No. 212.....Elmer C. Yetter, W.·. M.·.
Mystic, No. 213.....Geo. T. Williams, W.·. M.·.
James K. Wilson, S.·. W.·.
Evansville, No. 214.....Ole Kron, W.·. M.·.
Argyle, No. 215.....John W. McKay, W.·. M.·.
James Foreman, S.·. W.·.
Thos. T. Clark, proxy for J.·. W.·.
Florence, No. 216.....Charles H. Child, W.·. M.·.
J. W. McKay, proxy for S.·. W.·.
Wm. F. Martin, J.·. W.·.
Capital City, No. 217.....Edwin D. Trudgen, W.·. M.·.
Griswold, No. 218.....L. W. Leighton, W.·. M.·.
E. E. McGrew, S.·. W.·.

We also report the following Grand Representatives present:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Charles D. Boyce.....for British Columbia
Edward D. Durant.....for Canada
Alphonso Barto.....for Colon and Cuba and Michigan
Thomas Montgomery.....for Colorado
Charles Griswold.....for Connecticut
Henry R. Denny.....for Delaware and Washington
James B. Markham.....for District of Columbia
Edward P. Barnum.....for Florida, Idaho and South Australia
Royal H. Gove.....for Indian Territory and Utah
Calvin L. Brown.....for Kansas
Charles W. Nash.....for Louisiana
Henry C. Shepherd.....for Manitoba
Henry R. Wells.....for Mississippi, North and South Dakota
Wm. Lee.....for New Hampshire
Joseph H. Thompson.....for New Jersey

Wm. B. Patton.....for Pennsylvania
Alonzo T. Stebbins.....for Prince Edward Island
Wm. F. Dickinson.....for Tennessee
Samuel E. Adams.....for Vermont
Charles L. West.....for West Virginia
George H. Davis.....for Wisconsin

THOMAS MONTGOMERY,
WILLIAM B. PATTON,
JOHN D. CARROLL,
Committee.

On motion, the gallery was thrown open to visiting brethren during the session.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

St. Paul, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1897.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 p. m. Officers and members as before.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

W. F. Dickinson (91), C. L. Brown (133), H. L. Luther (9).

FINANCE.

C. L. Brown (133), A. S. Crossfield (153), C. W. Gilmore (148), J. M. D. Craft (67), J. S. Nelson (111).

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Past Grand Masters Wells, Barto, Denny, Griswold and Durant.

ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

C. W. Nash, S. E. Adams, E. P. Barnum, H. A. Reed (158), A. H. Steen (51).

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

C. W. Gilmore (148), C. L. West (39), C. D. Boyce (2), D. T. Calhoun (23), F. S. Brown (155).

APPROPRIATIONS.

H. R. Wells, H. R. Denny, H. C. Shepherd (18).

LODGES U.·. D.·.

R. H. Gove (21), Edgar Nash (112), O. C. Hanson (133), O. E. Maxson (119), D. M. Baldwin, Jr. (211).

PAY ROLL.

J. H. Thompson (19), C. D. Boyce (2), J. K. Stone (117).

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

O. L. Cutter (30), W. W. Sivright (59).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Clark Keysor (12), G. W. Rockwell (69).

The Grand Master then read the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

I heartily welcome you to this the forty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The year past has not been a prosperous one for the people of the state generally. There has been, from causes over which we had no control, a largely diminished yield of wheat and other cereals in sections of the state heretofore yielding abundantly. When in addition to this we had to contend with the turmoil and paralysis of business seemingly incident to the political upheaval every four years, and the lively campaign last summer and fall, much could not be expected. It should be borne in mind that we, as a people, were about recovering from a severe attack of business stagnation when thus fiercely assailed by the contending political saviours of the state and nation. When our people learn to pay less attention to tricky politicians and more to business, they will be better off. There is a wide difference between a patriot and a politician, and the sooner we realize this the better.

In common with other institutions we have felt the depression, but not, I am glad to say, to a material extent, the returns showing a flattering increase in membership.

We note the absence of our R.·. W.·. Bro. L. Z. Rogers, who, at this writing, lies sick at the Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. Our brother has been actively interested for many years in conserving the funds of the Grand Lodge, and steadily attentive and watchful of our interests in other regards. It is not necessary for me to remind the brethren that their first care should be to send our esteemed brother a message breathing forth our sorrow for his absence, our sympathy for him in his suffering, and our recognition of his valued services.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to three lodges at the last annual communication. They were duly constituted, as follows: On January 27th, assisted by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Montgomery, I constituted Griswold Lodge, No. 218, at Dassel, and installed officers. During the interim between the termination of dispensation and the constituting of lodge, I found that a meeting had been held and work done. I looked over the records, inquired into the matter carefully, and being satisfied that there was an entire absence of unlawful intent, I did the work over again for the lodge, after a quiet session with the Master.

The lodge held an evening session for work in the third degree. A number of brethren from Litchfield were present. I remained over to attend this meeting, and incidentally to partake of a banquet which followed. Both good, very good.

On February 1st, assisted by Past Grand Master Griswold, R.·. W.·. Brothers Montgomery and Tusler, W.·. Brothers Ribler, Orme and Sprague, I constituted Capital City Lodge, No. 217, at St. Paul, and installed officers. Brethren from a number of lodges present. Some excellent remarks made by prominent members of the fraternity. The customary banquet and enjoyable social session followed. This lodge starts with a membership of thirty-three; is officered by brethren conversant with our work and lectures, and the enthusiasm which prevails, rightly directed, bodes success.

On February 6th, assisted by Bro. G. M. Brown, Past Master of Marietta Lodge, No. 172, I constituted Florence Lodge, No. 216, at Wood Lake, and installed officers. The officers and members of this lodge are well posted. Custodian Dickinson spent three days brushing away the specious nonsense that the lapse of time and particularly the ruthless hand of ignorance had fastened on to our work. Prospects bright; membership of the best.

The installation ceremonies were attentively witnessed by the mothers, wives, daughters and sweethearts of the brethren.

On behalf of the members, I presented a beautiful and appropriate jewel to W.·. Bro. C. H. Child—a fitting tribute to the worth and excellence of a zealous, honored and hospitable Mason. We enjoyed

the banquet. The tables groaned with the weight of good things; were elaborately, yet tastefully decorated,—the ladies contributing by their presence, grace, tact and cooking to make the evening with its pleasures one long to be remembered.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS APPROVED.

I have approved by-laws of subordinate lodges as follows: Geneva, No. 196; Florence, No. 216; Blue Earth Valley, No. 27; Ionic, No. 186; Griswold, No. 218; Capital City, No. 217; Swift, No. 129; Monticello, No. 16; Prescott, No. 162; Garnet, No. 166.

Amendments to lodge by-laws approved as follows: Canby, No. 147; Lake View, No. 43; Concord, No. 47; Venus, No. 202; Griswold, No. 218; Palestine, No. 79; Columbia, No. 210; Renville, No. 195; Capital City, No. 217; Khurum, No. 112; Tyrian, No. 86; King Solomon, No. 44.

Many of the lodges follow their own ideas without regard to our law in form of by-laws submitted, and it has been difficult work to rewrite them in full, as I have had to do in a few instances. Others follow too closely to be correct the form adopted by this Grand Lodge, session of 1889.

Section 3, Article II., of that form, under the heading of "Membership," reads: "No officer of this lodge shall be dimitted during the term of office for which he shall have been elected or appointed and installed." This section has been cut out, not being in accordance with approved decision found on page 25. Proceedings of 1890, and after the word "lodge," line 1, section 2, of same article, there has been inserted "except the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden, during their term of office." So that section 1, Article II., stands as form reads; section 2, Article II., as amended by me, reads: "A dimit shall be granted to any member of this lodge, except the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden, during their term of office, upon his written application for the same; *provided*, his dues to date have been paid; *and provided further*, that he is not under charges for any unmasonic conduct."

Article III., section 1, same form, under heading, "Officers—Their Election and Duties," leaves blank before the words "Stated communication;" section 5, the same—the object being that lodges holding semi-monthly meetings adopting this form could insert whether annual was to be held on first or last stated communication. Section 8, however, omits the blank and says that Treasurer will submit his official account to the lodge at the last stated communication.

It so happened that in three or four instances I had to change this, as the lodges held their elections on first stated communication, and that is the time Treasurer should present his annual report.

Section 4, Article V., reads· "Any member in arrears for two years' dues may be stricken from the roll in the manner prescribed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge." Should read "More than two years."

The form adopted in 1885 is occasionally used. It is not nearly so correct as that of 1889. Latter with the changes mentioned is wellnigh as perfect as any form can be.

Some amendments proposed were not in accordance with masonic law or principle. These were not approved. One amendment proposed quoted substantially and at great length the regulations of the Grand Lodge regarding striking from the rolls for non-payment of dues and subsequent restoration, which amendment conflicted with our regulations in at least one essential particular and was in the main unnecessary in local by-laws. The Secretary of the lodge, in his letter of transmittal, makes the following statement: "But we have one member especially whom we have carried for three or four years who is drunk much of his time. It is for such we want the law." Disapproved and following note sent Master: "If this statement is correct, it discloses a very bad state of affairs. I have no sympathy whatever with subterfuges; they are unmanly and consequently unmasonic. Striking a brother from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues, when in fact his misconduct is continuous and alike discreditable to the fraternity, community and himself, is a flimsy pretext by which he escapes the just punishment so richly his due, the fraternity at large continues to be disgraced and discredited in the eyes of the community, and the local lodge suffers a shock to its sense of self-respect than which there could be none greater than arresting its charter, thus depriving the members of masonic rights and privileges for permitting such conduct to pass unpunished."

There should be on file in the Grand Secretary's office a copy of the by-laws of every subordinate lodge, and I so recommend.

DECISIONS.

Question. Must an entered apprentice, against whom charges have been preferred for unmasonic conduct, be tried in a lodge open on that degree?

Answer. No.

Question. Can a brother who, while acting as Master of his lodge, appropriated to his own use moneys of the lodge and which fact was not ascertained until after his term of office had expired, be now tried in his lodge for the offense?

Answer. Yes.

Question. If the Master removes permanently from the jurisdiction and the Senior Warden succeeds him, does the Junior Warden succeed the Senior Warden?

Answer. No.

Question. Has an expelled Mason any right to assistance from his former lodge, and has a lodge the right to vote its funds to aid the distressed family of a brother who has been expelled?

Answer. An expelled Mason has no masonic rights whatever, but masonic charity being as universal as the institution itself may well be bestowed even upon an erring brother, and it may wisely be extended to those dependent upon him who were not directly responsible for but rather suffered by his downfall.

Question. Is it permissible for the Worshipful Master to admit a member or allow one to retire during the spreading of ballot on a petition for the degrees in Masonry?

Answer. After a brother deposits his ballot, the Worshipful Master may excuse him. It would be, in my judgment, improper to deny admission to a brother during pendency of ballot upon applicant for the degrees or membership, and the Worshipful Master should make known to any brother not present in lodge when announcement was made, but who subsequently enters before ballot is closed, the name, etc., of party on whose petition the brethren are voting.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

I have granted dispensations for new lodges as follows:

Jan. 22, 1896, for Mt. Hermon Lodge at Hancock, Stevens county, with Bros. A. J. Erickson as Worshipful Master, Frank Wilcox as Senior Warden, and J. R. Holton as Junior Warden.

March 5, 1896, for Olivia Lodge at Olivia, Renville county, with Bros. J. M. Peckinpaugh as Worshipful Master, Edgar E. Cook as Senior Warden, and James E. Davenport as Junior Warden.

July 21, 1896, for Equity Lodge at Cottonwood, Lyon county, with Seymour H. Adams as Worshipful Master, Thos. McKinley as Senior Warden, and Joseph H. Catlin as Junior Warden.

Oct. 6, 1896, for Elysian Lodge, at Elysian, Le Sueur county, with J. W. Root as Worshipful Master, H. L. Coffin as Senior Warden, and George Ray as Junior Warden.

These brethren will present their work, and if in all respects satisfactory, I recommend charters be granted them. It should be noted, however, that in the case of Elysian Lodge U.·. D.·., the brethren have been at work but a short time, and perhaps it would be as well to continue dispensation without fee. These lodges were started and the brethren set to work by craftsmen entirely competent to instruct.

Petitions and informal requests were received from a number of brethren located at Thief River Falls, Hopkins, Hendrum, Sanborn, Custer, Twin Valley and Elbow Lake. Four of these I declined, one was withdrawn, and two are held pending further investigation and material facts. Our aim being to wisely build for the future, I have been extremely careful in investigating these

cases, realizing that there are serious objections to chartering lodges which may but feebly live for, or pass out of existence in, a few years.

OTHER DISPENSATIONS GRANTED AND REFUSED.

On May 8, 1896, a special dispensation was granted to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, to open at 6:30 p. m. instead of 7:30 p. m., the hour fixed by by-laws, stipulating that due notice should be given brethren of the change.

On June 12, 1896, for reasons which seemed to me good, a special dispensation was granted to St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, to make more than five Masons at one and the same communication.

On June 18, 1896, a special dispensation was granted Little Falls Lodge, No. 140, to attend religious services St. John's day, June 24th.

On Aug. 3, 1896, a dispensation was issued to Evergreen Lodge, No. 46, to remove its place of meeting from the village of Troy to a place one-half mile north of Clyde postoffice. Change unanimously desired by the brethren and the constitutional requirements fully complied with.

On Aug. 3, 1896, a special dispensation was issued to Nicollet Lodge, No. 54, to hold annual election of officers on August 18th, the lodge failing to have quorum on date set by by-laws for holding annual meeting.

On Dec. 1, 1896, a special dispensation was issued to Summit Lodge, No. 163, to hold annual election on second Friday in December, time set by by-laws falling on Christmas day.

On Dec. 30, 1896, a special dispensation was issued to Star in the East Lodge, No. 33, to hold election to fill Master's chair, the master-elect not being present at annual meeting when election was held and stating on his return to the Master of the lodge that he could not accept. I made this dispensation cover vacancies which might be caused by election of another Master.

Six requests for dispensations to receive and act on petitions for the degrees without the necessary residence qualification declined.

Four requests to ballot on applications for degrees at special meetings declined.

Four requests to accept petitions from parties laboring under physical disabilities covered by the constitution and approved decisions of the Grand Lodge declined. We have seen no reason to depart from the law laid down in these cases.

CORNER STONES LAID.

On June 9, 1896, I received an invitation to lay the corner stone of the new county court house, Le Sueur Center, which was accepted and stone laid by me with our appropriate ceremonies on June 13, 1896. Officers present and assisting: A. T. Stebbins, Deputy Grand Master; Ross Tousley as Senior Grand Warden; W. H.

Fisher as Junior Grand Warden; (Junior Grand Warden Randall arrived by train after ceremonies commenced); L. Quackenbush as Grand Treasurer; Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary; H. J. Peck as Grand Orator; L. D. Boynton, Grand Chaplain; Francis Cadwell as Senior Grand Deacon; John Taylor as Junior Grand Deacon; E. P. Case as Grand Marshal; Geo. W. Taylor as Grand Standard Bearer; S. Swenson, Grand Sword Bearer; Otto Schleider as Senior Grand Steward; J. W. Chambers as Junior Grand Steward; H. A. Tomlinson as Grand Pursuivant; W. H. Tomlinson as Grand Tyler.

The day was all that could be desired, the attendance of brethren large, other societies and citizens joining.

The building is substantial and handsome, a credit to the county.

The oration was delivered by Bro. H. J. Peck, who had but a short time for preparation. It was a scholarly effort, attentively listened to and much appreciated.

My thanks are due Brother Peck and also Brothers Tomlinson, Taylor, Schleuder and Barrett for courtesies had at their hands.

On July 1st I received and accepted an invitation from the board of education to lay the corner stone of new schoolhouse at Heron Lake. Assisted by Junior Grand Warden Randall, Grand Secretary Montgomery, Worshipful Brothers Brown, Carroll and others, I laid the corner stone on July 18th. Fair attendance of brethren from local and surrounding lodges. Large assemblage of citizens. Bro. C. R. J. Kellam of Heron Lake delivered the oration, and right well and worthily he did it. The president, on behalf of the board of education, presented the Grand Master with a silver trowel appropriately engraved. I thanked the brother then for his kindness and thoughtfulness, and beg to again and thus publicly place on record my appreciation. The citizens of Heron Lake have good reason to be proud of their school building. It may be equaled, but it is not excelled by a school building in any village of the same size in the state.

It was a holiday in the town, and the brethren and their families exerted themselves to the utmost to make the visitors happy. And they succeeded.

From some facts that have come to my knowledge during the year, I fear that the brethren forget at times that invitations should come direct to Grand Master from those having the authority to invite, and local lodge, after invitation has been accepted, should then as a matter of pride do everything possible to make the affair a success. But before the Grand Master accepts, it is not proper for lodge to promise that request will be complied with, and it is entirely wrong to even suggest that any ceremony of this kind should be performed under craft auspices.

HALLS DEDICATED.

On Jan. 30, 1896, assisted by J. H. Randall, Junior Grand Warden; Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary; H. R. Adams, Senior Grand Steward, and other brethren, I dedicated the hall of

Ark Lodge, No. 176, Minneapolis. The building had just been completed; the rooms are spacious, conveniently arranged and elegantly furnished, affording every facility for both labor and refreshment. The brethren of this thriving lodge have reason to rejoice at their prosperity. The sacrifices they have made in the past bear fruitage in the present, and hope for a future bright with usefulness. Membership composed of the best class of citizens. Treasury in good shape.

An excellent oration was delivered by Bro. R. G. Evans in the hall; and at the enjoyable banquet which followed instructive and entertaining addresses were delivered by Past Grand Master W. C. Allen of South Dakota, Brothers Randall, Montgomery, Scott, Foote, Raymond, and others.

The hall of Delta Lodge, No. 119, at Marshall, was dedicated by me on Feb. 4, 1896. The lodge room was filled with visitors from Tracy, Canby, Lake Benton, and Gary, S. D. The building is a new one. The lodge, reception rooms and banquet hall are complete and neatly furnished and arranged. The lodge is out of debt, well officered, brethren enthusiastic, plenty of work and first-class material.

Light refreshments were served by the ladies, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

The reports of the Special Committee on Fraternal Greetings adopted by this Grand Lodge at the last session, responding to greeting from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba and extending fraternal greeting to the Most Worshipful the United Grand Lodge of England were suitably engrossed and transmitted through the Grand Secretary's office. Fraternal acknowledgments were in due time received.

I received complaint from the Grand Master of Idaho of the treatment accorded a lodge in his jurisdiction by one of our lodges. The lodge in Idaho, acting upon a telegram from the Master of lodge in our state, supplied the wants of a brother hailing from Minnesota who was in sore distress financially and had a broken leg to care for. The Idaho lodge presented bill in due season, and after considerable correspondence had passed, our lodge offered to settle over $100 expenses by paying five dollars.

I called the matter immediately to the attention of our lodge, and said action was rescinded and the bill paid in full. The lodge should never have taken the stand it did in the first place, but the action was dictated by a minority laboring under a misunderstanding of the facts and with no real desire or intent to avoid payment of a just debt.

I have been requested by R.·. W.·. Bro. L. Z. Rogers, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near our Grand Lodge, to submit to this Grand Lodge for its consideration resolutions adopted by

the Grand Lodge of Maine, with reference to rejected candidates, which I hereby do:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is deeply impressed with the necessity of uniform legislation by the several Grand Lodges in relation to the admission of rejected candidates.

"*Resolved*, That the effect of a rejection should be limited to five years, and that during that time the candidate should be allowed to petition only to the lodge which rejected him, or to another lodge with the consent of that lodge, or such consent of officers and members of that lodge as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which the rejection occurs.

"*Resolved*, That each of the Representatives of this Grand Lodge be requested to present these resolutions to the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited and request for them fraternal consideration."

It is with much pleasure I announce to the brethren that our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions are of the most cordial nature.

TODD'S DIGEST.

At intervals of five years it has been customary for the Grand Lodge to purchase 300 copies of Todd's Digest for distribution to lodges. If this book had not been considered valuable and a necessity, it is presumed that the Grand Lodge in its wisdom would not have taken such action. At the last session the following reslutions were offered, adopted and committee called for by first resolution appointed by my predecessor:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to index the constitution, regulations and proceedings of the Grand Lodge up to and including the present session, and report its work to the Grand Master for his approval at as early a date as possible, that the same may be printed and distributed to the lodges and Grand Officers.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to purchase 300 copies of Todd's Digest, latest edition, for distribution among the subordinate lodges and Grand Officers of this jurisdiction, so soon as the same is reindexed and approved by the Grand Master, and that the sum of $270 be appropriated for this purpose."

The committee has not performed the duties imposed, consequently the Grand Master could not and would not under the resolutions adopted authorize an expenditure of $270. The Digest had been prepared and printed, included the session of 1895, and was ready for distribution at the last annual communication. In addition thereto, acting upon the admirable suggestion of Most Worshipful Brother C. L. Brown, there had been incorporated an installation and funeral service—both badly needed in this jurisdiction.

My brethren, it is difficult and slow work to reindex the constitution, regulations and decisions of the Grand Lodge, and unless

handled by experts there can be but little assurance that the last stage will not be worse than the first. I believe it to be correct that Brother Todd is as well qualified to do this work as any member of the Grand Lodge. If the Digest is not satisfactory reject it, or have it revised until it meets with approval. But something definite should be done, as the Grand Master is kept busy answering questions which would answer themselves if the brethren had this book and studied it. The Grand Secretary and Grand Master have also been frequently written by lodge officers regarding failure to receive the Digest.

There has been handed me a form of funeral service compiled by Past Grand Master Griswold, after much study and research. It will be handed the committee to whom this portion of my address is referred for consideration.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The Grand Master of North Dakota submitted to me for approval waiver of Warren Lodge, No. 150, of Minnesota, in favor of Acacia Lodge, No. 4, Grand Forks, N. D., over party residing at East Grand Forks, Minn., situated much nearer the lodge in North Dakota than any lodge in this state. Same was promptly approved. This calls to our attention that at the annual communication held in 1895 the following amendment to the constitution was proposed, referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, reported favorably upon by that committee and adopted by the Grand Lodge by more than a two-thirds vote.

"*Resolved*, That title 4 of part 1 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following section:

"Sec. 32 A. In all cases where a contiguous Grand Jurisdiction has or shall enact a like provision as to this Grand Jurisdiction and shall give its concurrence hereto, a subordinate lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may receive the petition of a resident of such Grand Jurisdiction for membership, either by affiliation or petition for the degrees, in any case where the petitioner resides nearer to the subordinate lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction than to a lodge in the jurisdiction of his residence. And in all cases of such reciprocal enactments the same right is extended to such Grand Jurisdictions as to residents of this Grand Jurisdiction."

Part 1, title 8, section 62 of Constitution, reads: "No amendment to the Constitution shall be made or have effect until it shall have been proposed in the Grand Lodge at its annual communication and concurred in by two-thirds of the members present. Said amendment shall then be printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and sent to all the lodges under the jurisdiction; and if approved by two-thirds of the members at the next annual communication, it shall then be in full force and effect."

Through some inadvertence or oversight, while the constitutional requirements were in other respects legally complied with, the amendment was not acted upon at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, from which it would appear that the amendment had failed. We have had some inquiry regarding same from neighboring jurisdictions interested in seeing the amendment adopted here and a similar one in their own.

I earnestly recommend that the amendment be again submitted to the Grand Lodge.

ALLEGED WRONGDOING IN A LODGE.

Charges were preferred against a lodge by a Master of another lodge in the same town:

1. Reinstating a brother stricken from the rolls by his paying back dues without any further action than simply ordering ballot spread.

2. That Master and Wardens, in conferring degrees, did so openly from work unauthorized in this jurisdiction.

3. That candidate was instructed in, studied from and labored on unauthorized work.

4. That the material accepted was very poor and a disgrace to the fraternity.

These charges, coming from what should be regarded as an authentic source, I at once certified same to the Master of lodge. Ordered that immediate answer be made thereto, and that no further work should be done until authorized or permitted by the Grand Master or his legally commissioned deputy. Answer was promptly made, brother calling personally; then referred to District Deputy Grand Master, whose report indicated that charges were in the main untrue, dictated by malice and with a view to stamping out the weaker lodge.

I went to the town to investigate. Charge 1 proven; charges 2, 3 and 4 not proven. The only basis for No. 2 was that Master had in his possession, but did not refer to at any time during the conferring of degree, an unauthorized work. No foundation whatever for charges 3 and 4.

In the presence of aggrieved brother, whom I reprimanded for his dereliction, I submitted the alternative to the Worshipful Brother who preferred the charges: An apology to the Master whom he had wantonly caused pain and to the Grand Master for the misstatements made to him, and an absolute withdrawal of charges 2, 3 and 4; or, his suspension from office and subsequent trial before the Grand Lodge for unmasonic conduct.

The first was accepted and the matter ended. Perhaps I was too lenient. There were conditions, however, which made it clear that better feeling would exist and Masonry be benefited if the

brethren would come together and act unitedly rather than eternally pulling apart. And subsequent events have so proven.

FIRES.

On Feb. 8, 1896, the hall of Josephus Lodge, No. 128, at Mapleton, was destroyed by fire, the lodge losing its charter, furniture, etc. In fact, everything the lodge possessed except the Secretary's books was destroyed. Lodge had $600 worth of property; insurance $300. I issued dispensation to continue work until this session of the Grand Lodge. The lodge immediately set about repairing losses, and when I visited the brethren by invitation on September 15th, I found them snugly ensconced in a handsome building, surrounded by evidences of luxury, and we had as happy and harmonious a meeting as it has ever been my pleasure to be present at. W.·. Bro. Clark Keysor of Mankato and his officers worked the third degree. The brethren had made elaborate preparations in my honor, and I enjoyed myself immensely, especially as by reason of derailment of car, and circuitous journeying by team, I was glad to be safe once more among the brethren I love.

On May 21, 1896, the hall of Wilton Lodge, No. 24, at Alma City, was destroyed by fire, the lodge losing its charter, books, furniture, etc. No insurance. I issued dispensation to continue work until this session of the Grand Lodge. This lodge has been chartered thirty-nine years. The brethren were discouraged. I wrote them cheeringly. We cannot afford to have the old guard lose heart. Grand Secretary and myself rendered all assistance possible and the lodge, I am informed by W.·. Bro. Hofeld, has taken a new lease of life.

On Oct. 17, 1896, the hall of Long Prairie Lodge, No. 159, was destroyed by fire, losing its charter, records, furniture, etc. Loss $600; insurance $250. I issued dispensation to continue work until this session of the Grand Lodge. The brethren had one of the most complete lodge rooms in the state, elegantly furnished.

I recommend that duplicate charters be issued to these lodges without fee.

SUBLETTING LODGE ROOMS.

I have permitted ten lodges to sublet their halls to other creditable societies, under necessary restrictions. In each case, after investigation, I was convinced that the revenues derivable therefrom were of moment to the lodge. I was further convinced that the brethren are loth to take this action unless the reason for same is imperative. Business conditions for the past year or two have had an effect on even lodge treasuries.

REMOVAL OF GRAND SCRETARY'S OFFICE.

Five years ago the masonic bodies moved out of the hall, corner of Third and Wabasha streets, which they had occupied for

twenty-three years, into this building, leaving the Grand Secretary almost alone in the old building. He expected to be provided with a suitable office and library room in the new quarters, but was disappointed. He enlarged his office in 1893 and made it as attractive as possible, adding a library room, but was without a vault, nor could suitable rooms with vault attached be found in the city at a reasonable rental. Of late his office became so isolated and its approaches so uninviting, that a change became not only desirable but imperative. In looking about, he found in September a large room and vault in the Globe building, but with a miserable outlook, and later, two rooms and two vaults in the building known as Newspaper Row, much preferring the latter. Both places were examined by the Grand Lodge Trustees and myself, and also by the principal officers of the other state masonic bodies, and preference given to Newspaper Row. A lease was made for five years from October 1st, at a rental of $400, which includes heat, light and janitor service, to be borne equitably by the several Grand Bodies occupying the same. The location is central, the building new and modern, with excellent elevator service and handsome hall and approaches,—the rooms facing east; are clean, spacious and well lighted, and besides, there is a fire-proof vault attached and another for storage in the basement, amply large for all future needs of the office.

The Grand Secretary is proud of his new office and is ready to welcome visitors from home and abroad without blushing for the fair name of our Grand Jurisdiction. The change must commend itself to every brother who has visited both offices, the old and the new, and was effected none too soon.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year I caused a commission to issue to R.·. W.·. John D. Bell, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, and nominated the following brethren who have received commissions as representatives near this Grand Lodge:

R.·. W.·. A. T. Stebbins from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

M.·. W.·. A. Barto from the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS.

The reports received from Custodians show that representatives from seventy-two lodges were present at schools held during the year, outside of the large cities. Much interest manifested in the work. The difficulty in getting an attendance, as I know from practical experience, at the evening sessions is not great, even though the brethren have to come long distances to the point where school is held. But it is difficult at any season of the year for the

brethren to attend day sessions; other duties which have an interest in the way of bread and butter for them demanding close attention. However, much good has been accomplished and the plan commends itself to the brethren.

During the numerous visits made to subordinate lodges I could not fail to be impressed with the belief that there was an honest desire on the part of the great majority of the craft for the work and lectures, and once obtained, an honest desire to hew to the line. The day of the strutting masonic popinjay has gone forever. The good work should be continued. It was my enjoyable privilege to attend nine sessions of the board and witness work done by representatives from eighteen lodges.

The expenses of the past two years may be regarded as a fair basis on which to compute the needed appropriation for the ensuing year. The sum of $1,000 was appropriated both years. In 1895, expended $420.61; in 1896, $446.60.

We should not encourage large appropriations when experience teaches us to the contrary. It is not good business policy to do so. The sum of $500 should be amply sufficient to cover 1897.

On March 18, 1896, the lodges in Washington county were transferred from Custodian Patton's to Custodian Griswold's district, as a matter of convenience.

Worshipful Brother Stiles Raymond, whose term expired last year, was reappointed for the term of five years. He has justified this action on my part by faithful work during the year.

VISITATIONS.

It has been a rare treat for me during the year to meet the officers and members of a number of lodges, some on formal visits, others on informal. The visitations by invitation follow.

January 17th, I visited Triune Lodge, No. 190, Merriam Park. It is always a pleasure to meet the brethren of this lodge. We had a rare musical entertainment, some speeches and refreshments.

April 3d, I visited St. Paul Lodge, No. 3. An enjoyable evening was spent.

April 7th, I visited North Star Lodge, No. 23, at St. Cloud. Saw some good work and Brothers Barto, Barnum and Calhoun. It's worth going a long distance to see the big three.

May 2d, visited Anoka Lodge, No. 30. Brother Cutter held the gavel; that is a sure indication of good work.

May 18th, visited St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Stillwater. No work; banquet. Latter was good.

May 27th, visited same lodge, accompanied by Custodian Griswold. Work in third degree, well done.

May 20th, visited Arcturus Lodge, No. 130, Red Wing, Brother Montgomery accompanying me. Work in third degree. Brother Kellogg presided very acceptably, and had good support.

May 22d, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, visited Union Lodge, No. 45, Le Sueur. Very good work in third degree. After same was over we had a banquet. Tables tastily decorated by the ladies. The Grand Master essayed to trip the light fantastic, evidently much to the amusement of the ladies and the Grand Secretary.

July 24th, visited Summit Lodge, No. 163, St. Paul. Work good. The brethren have faithfully attended to the teachings of Custodian.

September 3d, visited Faribault Lodge, No. 9. Third degree worked well by Brother Hawley and his officers. Banquet followed.

September 15th, visited Josephus Lodge, No. 128, Mapleton. Work in third degree by Mankato Lodge, Brother Clark Keysor occupying the east.

December 10th, visited Ark Lodge, No. 176, Minneapolis. Never saw anywhere or at any time better work. Every officer had his part perfectly. W.·. Brother Scott has reason to be proud of his lodge and its officers.

Dec. 26th, visited Cataract Lodge, No. 2, Minneapolis, accompanied by Brother Montgomery, and installed its officers. The brethren treated me right royally. The banquet was all that could be desired, the ladies having charge thereof.

December 29th, visited Braden Lodge, No. 168, St. Paul, accompanied by Brother Montgomery. The Worshipful Master, Brother Jones, worked for the first time the third degree, and, even though the critical Custodian was present, did it well.

January 5th, visited Triune Lodge, No. 190, Merriam Park, and installed its officers. Pleasant social evening.

January 8th, visited Summit Lodge, No. 163, St. Paul, and installed its officers, W.·. Brother Boyd treating me as he does all visitors to the lodge, courteously and well.

MASONIC VETERANS.

The Masonic Veterans' Association of Minnesota was organized in 1892, and has a very enviable record. Its active members are composed of Masons in good standing, duly elected, who have been members of our fraternity for twenty-one years. There is an honorary membership also. Its object is the conservation of the masonic spirit among the older members of the craft and fraternal intercourse among themselves and masonic veterans in other states. Papers of historical value are read at their annual meetings, which always terminate with a banquet and a happy social time. It had a membership a year ago of 190 active and twenty-five honorary members. I cordially commend its objects and purposes to all the eligible brethren of our jurisdiction.

I was reminded during the year at, alas! too frequent intervals, of the uncertainty of life and the vanity of all human pursuits. We have been called on to mourn the loss of many devoted masonic sons of Minnesota, and our sympathies go out to those whom they have left behind, and to our sister Grand Jurisdictions who have also been sorely tried by losing some of their brightest minds. There have been certified to me the following:

Albert J. Russell, Past Grand Master of Florida, died Jan. 17, 1896.

George Enoch Dowling, Past Grand Master of Michigan, died March 30, 1896.

John E. Jones, Past Grand Master of Nevada, died April 19, 1896.

Michael Nisbet, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, died May 7, 1896.

Edward B. Rowe, Past Grand Master of Connecticut, died June 1, 1896.

Asa H. Battin, Past Grand Master of Ohio, died June 3, 1896.

Webster D. Anthony, Past Grand Master of Colorado, died June 22, 1896.

Joseph M. Anderson, Past Grand Master of Tennessee, died July 14, 1896.

Owen A. Bassett, Past Grand Master of Kansas, died July 19, 1896.

Alexander McGregor, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Michigan for twenty-four years, died Aug. 2, 1896.

Benjamin Wilson Higgs, Past Grand Secretary of Prince Edward Island, died Aug. 16, 1896.

Frederick Kramer, Past Grand Treasurer, Arkansas, died Sept. 8, 1896.

Rufus Claghorn Hathaway, Past Grand Master of Michigan, died Dec. 9, 1896.

"Brief life is here our portion,
Brief sorrow, short-lived care;
The life that knows no ending,
The tearless life is there.
There grief is turned to pleasure,
Such pleasure as below
No human voice can utter,
No human heart can know;
And after this world's sorrow,
And after this world's night,
And after storm and whirlwind,
Is calm and joy and light."

Bro. Christopher H. Smith, Junior Grand Warden of our Grand Lodge in 1884, and who at the time of his death was insurance commissioner for this state, departed this life June 18, 1896, after a painful illness extending over a period of two years, from cancer of the breast, aged sixty-two years.

In March, 1894, he had a seemingly successful operation performed, going to Chicago for that purpose, and hoped the danger had passed, but in a few months the trouble returned and he gradually sank under its fatal power.

Brother Smith was born July 14, 1834, at Weston, Windsor county, Vermont; his father, Stephen Smith, an attorney at law, being a native of New York. His mother, Sarah Glazier, was descended from a pioneer family of Vermont. Both of Brother Smith's great-grandfathers participated in the Revolutionary War, and his grandfather, Christopher Smith, was in the military service during the second struggle with Great Britain.

Our late brother received his early education at the common schools of his native town, supplementing same later by an academic course at Chester, Vt., and Twinsburg, Ohio.

He learned the trade of bricklayer and plasterer at Rutland, Vt., in 1852. In 1854 he removed to Cuyahoga county, Ohio, where he taught school and worked on a farm until April, 1856, when he went to Richland county, Wisconsin, where he farmed and taught school until 1860. He was elected county clerk, serving two years. In 1862 he was elected county treasurer, serving six years. From 1868 to March, 1872, he engaged in the real estate business, when he removed from Wisconsin to Windom, Minn. He was in June, 1874, elected county treasurer of Cottonwood county, holding that office until March, 1881, when he was appointed by President Garfield receiver of the United States land office at Worthington, Minn., holding the office until September, 1885. He was elected to the lower house of the Minnesota legislature in 1876, and in 1877 to the state senate, serving one term.

Governor Merriam appointed him insurance commissioner in January, 1891, and he was reappointed by Governors Nelson and Clough.

Brother Smith was made a Mason in Richland Lodge, No. 66, Richland Center, Wis., June, 1861, serving as Junior and Senior Warden for three years.

He withdrew early in 1872, and helped to organize Prudence Lodge, No. 97, at Windom, in March of same year, and for a number of years honorably filled the office of Worshipful Master. In 1882 he withdrew from Prudence Lodge, and on Jan. 15, 1883, joined Fraternity Lodge, No. 101, at Worthington.

He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Madison Chapter, No. 4, Wisconsin, February, 1865; withdrew from same in 1873, and Sept. 26, 1881, joined Living Arch Chapter, No. 28, at Worthington, and was High Priest of same for three years.

He was created a Knight Templar in Mankato Commandery, No. 4, March 13, 1883; withdrew from same April 18, 1893, and joined Damascus, No. 1, June 27, 1893.

On January 11, 1893, he was elected to membership in the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota.

Our departed brother was well known and highly respected in this and our neighboring jurisdiction. He loved the institution of Freemasonry, was a worker therein, and for many years attended the annual communication of our Grand Lodge, aiding by his wise counsel and advice in the framing of our laws. In manner he was quiet and unassuming, earnest and thorough in his work, scrupulously honest in all his dealings. It was my high privilege to see him weekly for six months before the summons came. He bore with patience and Christian resignation the fearful malady which sapped his vitality, ultimately causing his death. At times he suffered intensely, yet was he ever brave and confident. Knowing his end was approaching, he made every preparation therefor, and "sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust, approached his grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams." Having knowledge of his condition, when the time came I made arrangements to conduct a funeral service at his home in this city. An Emergent Grand Lodge was opened in this hall at 2:30 p. m., June 19th, Brothers Griswold, Montgomery, Tusler, Eddy, Spencer, Orme, Ribler, Sprague, Terry, Converse, Durfee, Swanstrom and Fischer filling the several stations. Brother Montgomery, acting as Grand Marshal, formed the procession, and accompanied by a number of brethren we marched to the house where the service was held; the Grand Master officiating, Brother Griswold acting as Grand Chaplain. After the services at the house, I appointed a committee of six Past Masters to escort the body to the train. Accompanied by his sorrowing widow and friends, the remains of our dear brother were conveyed to Richland Center, Wis., and there interred with masonic ceremonies by the brethren of the lodge he faithfully served as Warden thirty-four years past.

A floral tribute of our affection was ordered and placed upon the casket.

We shall miss our brother at this and recurring sessions of the Grand Lodge. But, my brethren, is he dead? Verily, we believe—

> "There is no death! What seems so is transition;
> This life of mortal breath
> Is but the suburb of the life elysian,
> Whose portal we call death."

Brother Alonzo Jay Edgerton, who served as Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge during the year 1876, died at Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 9, 1896, of Bright's disease, aged sixty-nine years. He had been in failing health for a year.

Brother Edgerton was born in Rome, N. Y., June 7, 1827. He came from strictly Puritanic stock, and both grandfathers fought in the Revolutionary War. He attended college at Lowville, N. Y., and graduated in 1850 from Wesleyan University, Conn. He was

married Oct. 8, 1850, to Miss Sarah Curtis of New Britain, Conn., who, with several children, survives him, one son being assistant attorney general of this state. He lived at Grenada, Miss., after his marriage until 1855, when he resided for a short time in Illinois, and in the summer of 1855 located at Mantorville, Minn., where he practiced as an attorney for many years. He was commissioned captain of Company B, Tenth Minnesota Infantry Volunteers, in August, 1862, and served as such in the campaigns against the Sioux Indians in 1862 and 1863. Having served with his command at St. Louis in the fall and winter of 1863, he was appointed colonel of the Third Missouri Volunteers of African Descent, soon after designated as the Sixty-seventh United States Colored Infantry, and took his regiment to Port Hudson, La. This regiment was consolidated with the Sixty-fifth United States Colored Infantry at Baton Rouge in August, 1865, and our brother was appointed colonel and served until January, 1867, when he was mustered out at St. Louis with the rank of brevet brigadier general.

In politics he was a Democrat until the outbreak of the war, when he became an ardent Republican. He was a member of the national Democratic convention at Charleston in 1860 and was a Republican presidential elector in 1876. He was county attorney of Dodge county, and in 1858 and 1876 was elected a state senator. In 1871 he was appointed railroad commissioner, serving four years. Upon the entrance of Senator Windom into the Garfield cabinet, he was appointed United States senator by Governor Pillsbury and served from March 14 to Oct. 26, 1881. President Arthur appointed him chief justice of the supreme court of Dakota, and upon the admission of South Dakota as a state, he was made United States judge of the district by President Harrison, and held the office until his death. He was a member of, and presided at, the constitutional convention which framed the fundamental laws of the State of South Dakota, and thereby left the deepest impress of his life and views upon the institutions of the state where he died.

He was made a Mason in Grenada Lodge, No. 31, Mississippi, in 1851, and helped to organize Mantorville Lodge, No. 11, Minnesota, in 1856, continuing a member thereof until his death. He received the Capitular degrees in De Witt Clinton Chapter, No. 12, Grenada, Miss., in 1852, was the first High Priest of Tabernacle Chapter, No. 18, at Kasson, in 1870, and was elected Grand Scribe in 1875.

He was faithful and efficient in the discharge of every public duty, filling each of the varied positions he held with fidelity and with honor to himself and credit to his country.

His remains were interred at Mantorville with masonic honors, a large concourse of Masons from his own and neighboring lodges being in attendance. His profession was represented by Chief Justice Start and others, and the Grand Lodge by R.·. W.·. A. T. Stebbins, Deputy Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. Thomas Montgomery,

Grand Secretary, the latter, who served under him as captain for three years, officiating as Worshipful Master at the funeral.

Well may it be said of Brother Edgerton: "He loved truth and justice in his heart and worked righteousness in his life." Peace to his ashes.

Much to my regret, previously arranged for masonic duties preventing, I was unable to accept an invitation to be present at the obsequies over the remains of Bro. George B. Upham, father-in-law of Rev. Bro. G. H. Davis, Past Deputy Grand Master, conducted by Sherburne Lodge, No. 95, at Elk River, Minn., on June 11, 1896. Our brother was killed by train on June 8th.

He had been a Mason for forty-eight years, and was held in high esteem by the brethren. "A just and upright man."

Appropriate memorial pages should appear in our printed proceedings.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, this concludes a year of unremitting toil in your interests. I said to you when honored beyond my deserts by promotion to this, the highest office in your gift, and the most honorable in the gift of the brethren or state, that I knew of only one way to show my appreciation thereof. It was along the pathway of duty; and I have traversed it ceaselessly since then.

I most sincerely thank you for the kindness and consideration extended me during the year.

JAMES F. LAWLESS,
Grand Master.

INTRODUCTION OF GRAND SECRETARY PARVIN OF IOWA.

The Grand Secretary, learning that Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was in waiting, retired, and escorting him to the altar, introduced him to the Grand Master as the oldest Grand Secretary in service (fifty-two years) in the world. He was met by Grand Master Lawless, all the brethren standing, conducted to the Grand East, received with the Grand Honors, and formally presented to the Grand Lodge in some well chosen remarks, allusion being made therein to our Grand Master's visit to and hospitable treatment by the Grand Lodge of Iowa two years ago last June. Brother Parvin expressed his pleasure at the fraternal reception accorded him. He had helped to organize the first lodge in Iowa in 1844 and also the Grand Lodge, being its first

Grand Secretary. He had participated in the meeting at Fort Snelling which decided the political fate of Iowa and Minnesota. Had visited our Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, but never before so realized the possibilities of the fraternity in Minnesota as he did at that moment in looking into the faces of so many hundred earnest Craftsmen. Masonry, he said, would go hand in hand with all other elevating moral forces in constructing the bulwarks of liberty and equality in our whole country. He spoke of his trip to old Mexico last year, and of his going there again at once to escape the grippe, and to learn more of Mexican Masonry. He thanked the Grand Lodge in the name of his own Grand Lodge for his cordial reception.

The Grand Secretary read his annual report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

M.·. W.·. Grand Master and Brethren:

It is my pleasing duty to again lay before the Grand Lodge an account of my stewardship. For twenty consecutive years it has been my privilege to occupy a seat in the southeast of this Grand Lodge, twelve as assistant to Brother Pierson, and eight as his successor. Since I entered upon the duties of Grand Secretary, Nov. 30, 1889, a great advance has been made in the membership, number of lodges and financial strength of this Grand Jurisdiction. The reports in 1889, at the close of thirty-six years of our history, showed us to have 164 active lodges and 10,910 members, with $17,901.87 in the treasury. The reports to-day, eight years later, show that we now have 202 active lodges, besides four U.·. D.·., and 15,428 members, with $30,102 in the treasury, $18,239 of which is in the widows' and orphans' fund.

The increase is over twenty-three per cent in the lodges, over forty-one in membership, and nearly seventy in both funds. In other words, there have been added forty chartered lodges (less two charters forfeited), and 4,518 members, while the treasury has been increased in the sum of $12,200. The work of the office has increased in even greater proportion than the advance in membership.

WORK OF PAST YEAR.

Charters were prepared for Florence Lodge, No. 216, at Wood Lake; Capital City, No. 217, at St. Paul, and Griswold, No. 218, at Dassel, and delivered to the constituting officers as soon as the requirements of the office as to filing dimits, etc., were complied with.

These lodges were duly constituted and reports of same filed in my office.

The usual circular was issued a year ago, informing our lodges and the masonic world of the names of the new Grand Lodge Officers. Also, the usual circulars about suspensions and expulsions, and notices of this meeting.

Commissions were issued and duly transmitted to the thirty-four District Deputies.

The proceedings of 1896 were printed as promptly as possible and given the usual distribution early in February.

Commissions were issued to our Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges as stated by the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge Register is posted to date. The index to same has been completed up to 1895. This latter was a very tedious job, taking more time than I thought it would, but is a valuable and necessary addition to the office. Both books are here for your inspection.

I have also corrected a number of lodge registers and stand ready to correct without charge all that are sent in, so far as lodge and Grand Lodge members are concerned. It is very important to have the lodge registers agree with the Grand Lodge register, and in trying to accomplish this I have been measurably successful.

I think I will be able to publish a table with this year's proceedings that will show in detail the gains and losses in lodge membership since organization down to 1897. It will be invaluable for future reference. (See Appendix J.)

Dispensations were issued for new lodges at Hancock, Olivia, Cottonwood, and Elysian, as stated by the Grand Master. Each of the three former has done some work and made returns thereof, and their minutes are here for inspection. They will expect charters at this session. Elysian Lodge U.·. D.·. asks for a renewal of their dispensation without fee.

Duplicate charters were issued, without fee, to Prescott Lodge, No. 162, at Herman, and Geneva Lodge, No. 196, at Madison, as directed by Grand Lodge last year.

REMOVAL OF OFFICE.

The Grand Master has informed you of the removal of my office to safer and better apartments in Newspaper Row, where, in addition to clean, spacious and well lighted rooms for office and library, there is ample vault accommodations for all future needs. I feel sure you will heartily indorse the move. Personally I am very grateful to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Trustees for their approval of the change. With their approval, also, I have expended seventy-five dollars for new furniture and boxes for storage, and twenty-five dollars for assistance and cost of moving safe, books,

pamphlets and other property and in refitting and shelving the library, for which I respectfully ask to be reimbursed. Allowing for reduced insurance, the net extra cost for rent, light, heat and janitor service will not exceed $100 per annum, which will be more than made up in increased facilities for doing business. You are all cordially invited to call at your convenience.

As a result of moving, every bundle or package has been opened and the contents ascertained and examined, counted, boxed up and labeled. In this way 20,000 separate pamphlets have been systematically stored away, either in the vaults or on the shelves, and the thousand bound volumes catalogued. I have also got full lists of the entire contents of the office, and have endeavored to so arrange papers, returns and other property, as well as books and pamphlets, as to make them readily accessible.

Funds to the amount of $1,700 were intrusted to seventeen Worshipful Masters, to be disbursed for the relief of the needy. They were severally charged to make due report and file vouchers for all expenditures. The reports of thirteen who have done so are herewith submitted. There are three petitions on file for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry and appeal papers in another case for suspension for one year. They will be handed the proper committee.

FINANCIAL.

I have received funds as follows during the year:

Dispensation fees, four new lodges	$80.00
Charter fees, Lodges 216, 217 and 218	75.00
Jewels and aprons sold Elysian Lodge U.·. D.·.	6.00
Relief funds returned by Lodge No. 69	45.72
Arrears of dues collected from 29 lodges, as itemized in cash book	65.40
Grand Lodge fees and dues for 1896, as itemized in cash book	7,910.00
Total	$8,182.12

All of which has been paid the Grand Treasurer.

There is yet due $13.60 from No. 24, $3 from No. 144 for 1895, and 40 cents each from Nos. 17, 32 and 45. (Since paid.—G. Sec.)

RETURNS.

Returns have been received from all the lodges, indicating a fair degree of prosperity. The gain has been 1,103, the loss 810; net gain, 293. In detail I report: Raised, 761; restored, 57; affiliated, 285; withdrawn, 373; stricken from roll, 239; suspended, 8; expelled, 7; died, 183. Total membership, 15,428. A net gain is shown by 115 lodges; a net loss by 58, while 29 remain as before; about the

same proportion as last year. Thirty-four returns were behind time in arriving, one being handed in this morning. While many errors appeared, most of which have been corrected already, I think they were fewer than usual this year.

We are entirely out of blank parchment charters, and an appropriation will be needed for a supply.

The phototype of Grand Master Lawless will appear in this year's proceedings.

The usual additions have been made to the library, including a number of bound volumes of proceedings from other jurisdictions.

A beautiful souvenir of the triennial conclave of Knights Templar at Boston in 1895 has been added recently, at an expense of ten dollars, by the Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

If the Past Grand Masters, or other Grand Officers, would each kindly donate a large framed portrait of himself, it would be very acceptable, and would help to adorn and beautify the walls of the new rooms.

CONCLUSION.

As stated by the Grand Master, I have been present with him at a number of visitations and laying of corner stones. As we both live in St. Paul, I have had abundant opportunity to observe the arduous duties devolving upon him as our executive head. Fortunate, indeed, is any Grand Body which can intrust its affairs into the hands of such a faithful and efficient officer. Our personal and official relations have been most cordial, as we mutually labored to advance the interests of our beloved institution.

My official relations with all the brethren have also been cordial, and I feel under many obligations for courtesies extended.

I have had a busy year as usual, but no important duty has been neglected, and the affairs of the office are well in hand.

The usual reduced railroad rates have been secured from all railroads traversing this state, thus effecting a great saving, not only to the Grand Lodge but also to brethren not drawing mileage.

Insurance is still continued on our Grand Lodge property, but the amount has been reduced to $3,000, owing to vault protection in connection with present office.

The masonic periodicals mentioned in former reports are still being sent us in exchange for our proceedings.

THOMAS MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer read his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A.·. F.·. and A.·. M.·.

I herewith submit my financial report for the past year:

J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A.·. F.·. and A.·. M.·.

CASH RECEIPTS.

1896.		
Jan. 16.	On hand per report 1896	$3,165.32
Jan. 16.	Received of Thos. Montgomery, G. Secretary	8,306.20
1897.		
Jan. 2.	Received of Thos. Montgomery, G. Secretary.	3,000.00
Jan. 6.	Received of Thos. Montgomery, G. Secretary.	3,000.00
Jan. 13.	Received of Thos. Montgomery, G. Secretary.	2,182.12
	Total	$19,653.64

Date.	Order No.	Orders paid and submitted herewith—	
1896.			
Jan. 16.	1	C. L. Brown, expenses Grand Master, 1895.	$300.00
Jan. 16.	2	E. P. Barnum, custodian	18.00
Jan. 16.	3	W. F. Dickinson, custodian	18.00
Jan. 16.	4	Chas. Griswold, custodian	18.00
Jan. 16.	5	Stiles Raymond, custodian	25.00
Jan. 16.	6	D. W. Knowlton, custodian	25.00
Jan. 16.	7	W. B. Patton, custodian	6.00
Jan. 16.	8	J. C. Fischer, tyling for custodians	15.00
Jan. 16.	9	J. C. Fischer, services as Grand Tyler	25.00
Jan. 16.	10	Irving Todd, assistant Grand Secretary	25.00
Jan. 16.	11	Irving Todd, Correspondence report	100.00
Jan. 16.	12	Thos. Montgomery, contingent expenses	200.00
Jan. 16.	13	Thos. Montgomery, office rent	125.00
Jan. 17.	14	J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, relief of M. C. Burnside	100.00
Jan. 17.	15	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Feb. 16.	60.00
Jan. 20.	16	W. S. Tuttle, Worshipful Master No. 35, relief of Wm. Lee	200.00
Jan. 20.	17	A. C. Page, Worshipful Master No. 39, relief of Bro. E. Ward	50.00
Jan. 20.	18	Wm. C. Russell, Worshipful Master No. 42, relief of Mrs. T. A. Turnbull	50.00
Jan. 20.	19	N. B. Patten, Secretary No. 54, relief of Bro. G. L. Key	100.00
Jan. 20.	20	Nels H. Tofstad, Worshipful Master No. 69, relief of Emily Hitchcock	100.00
Jan. 20.	21	G. W. Hale, Worshipful Master No. 86, relief of Bro. G. W. Judd	100.00
Jan. 20.	22	Myron E. Baum, Worshipful Master No. 89, relief of Geo. Mitchell, $100, and J. H. McKinney, $100	200.00
Jan. 20.	23	W. F. Chadbourne, Worshipful Master No. 95, relief of John Pollard	50.00
Jan. 20.	24	James Sanderson, Worshipful Master No. 104, relief of widow of P. A. Odell	100.00

Date.	Order No.		
Jan. 20.	25	O. E. Maxson, Worshipful Master No. 119, relief of widow of A. L. Rye	100.00
Jan. 20.	26	Jas. P. Emerson, Worshipful Master No. 128, relief of Bro. J. B. Hill	100.00
Jan. 20.	27	A. H. Ackerman, Worshipful Master No. 132, relief of Mary Martin	50.00
Jan. 20.	28	W. R. Haley, Worshipful Master No. 161, relief of H. Butler, $50, and L. D. Webster, $50	100.00
Jan. 20.	29	D. L. Owens, Worshipful Master No. 179, relief of Bro. A. Higley	200.00
Jan. 20.	30	S. W. Frazier, Worshipful Master No. 189, relief of destitute brethren	100.00
	31	Order canceled.	
Jan. 22.	32	J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, pay roll 1896	2,332.20
Jan. 22.	33	E. W. Snyder, Secretary, dues 1895, Prescott, No. 162	14.00
Jan. 22.	34	Chas. O. Hill, dues 1895, Geneva, No. 196.	19.00
Feb. 16.	35	Eleanor C. Pierson, allowance to March 16.	60.00
Feb. 26.	36	Chas. Griswold, custodian	27.20
Feb. 25.	37	Pioneer Press Co., printing proceedings 1896	371.46
Mar. 16.	38	Eleanor C. Pierson, allowance to April 16.	60.00
Mar. 23.	39	Chas. Griswold, custodian	19.50
Mar. 23.	40	Stiles Raymond, custodian	14.50
Mar. 24.	41	Wm. F. Dickinson, custodian	14.61
Mar. 31.	42	Thos. Montgomery, salary January, February and March	312.50
April 10.	43	Stiles Raymond, custodian	16.75
April 13.	44	Chas. Griswold, custodian	16.75
April 14.	45	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to May 16.	60.00
April 17.	46	Wm. F. Dickinson, custodian	23.05
April 22.	47	Wm. B. Patton, custodian	14.06
April 22.	48	L. D. Bryant, insurance premium	65.25
April 22.	49	Rich & Clymer, printing circulars	6.00
April 22.	50	E. P. Barnum, custodian and Tyler	18.00
April 27.	51	Pioneer Press Co., printing bills	32.25
May 16.	52	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to June 16.	60.00
June 16.	53	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to July 16.	60.00
June 29.	54	L. L. May & Co., floral piece, funeral of C. H. Smith	10.00
June 29.	55	Thos. Montgomery, salary Grand Secretary, three months	312.50
July 20.	56	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Aug. 16.	60.00

Date.	Order No.		
July 21.	57	—Chas. Griswold, custodian	9.60
Aug. 15.	58	—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Sept. 16.	60.00
Aug. 31.	59	—Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, salary July and August	208.33
Sept. 15.	60	—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Oct. 16.	60.00
Oct. 3.	61	—Chas. Griswold, custodian	12.95
Oct. 10.	62	—Stiles Raymond, custodian	23.50
Oct. 15.	63	—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Nov. 16.	60.00
Oct. 26.	64	—Stiles Raymond, custodian	26.25
Nov. 16.	65	—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Dec. 16.	60.00
Nov. 21.	66	—Chas. Griswold, custodian	16.55
Dec. 2.	67	—W. F. Dickinson, custodian	18.20
Dec. 4.	68	—Rich & Clymer, printing circulars	5.25
Dec. 12.	69	—Stiles Raymond, custodian	18.88
Dec. 12.	70	—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Jan. 16.	60.00
Dec. 12.	71	—Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, salary, September, October and November	312.50
Dec. 26.	72	—Stiles Raymond, custodian	17.00
Dec. 30.	73	—Stiles Raymond, custodian	14.25
Dec. 31.	74	—Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, salary December, 1896	104.17
1897.			
Jan. 12.	75	—Pioneer Press Co., printing circulars	12.25
Jan. 12.	76	—Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, extra rent, new office, to Dec. 31	31.25
		Total of orders paid	$7,790.51
Jan. 13.		Cash on hand to balance	11,863.13
		Total	$19,653.64

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,
Grand Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

ANNUAL REPORT OF J. H. THOMPSON, TREASURER OF WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1896.			
Jan. 16.		To cash on hand as per report	$4,679.10
Jan. 16.		To thirteen city of Minneapolis bonds, each $1,000	13,000.00
April 1.		To cash interest on $13,000, six months	260.00
Oct. 1.		To cash interest on $15,000, six months	300.00
		Total	$18,239.10

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.			
Jan.	13.	By city of Minneapolis bonds (see 1896 report)	$13,000.00
Jan.	13.	By city of Minneapolis bonds, bought April 2, 1896	2,000.00
Jan.	13.	By premium on bonds bought April 2, 1896...	100.00
Jan.	13.	By cash on hand to balance	3.139.10
		Total	$18,239.10

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,
Grand Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORT ON ADDRESS.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address reported as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master for subdivision and reference respectfully recommend that:

1. So much thereof as refers to lodges constituted, corner stones laid and halls dedicated be referred to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks.

2. That so much as refers to by-laws, amendments approved, dispensations granted and refused, decisions, alleged wrongdoing in a lodge and amendment to the constitution be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

3. That so much as refers to dispensations for new lodges, and to fires be referred to the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation.

4. That so much as refers to fraternal relations be referred to a special committee of three.

5. That so much as refers to the matter of Todd's Digest be referred to a special committee of three.

6. That so much as refers to the removal of Grand Secretary's office be referred to the Committee on Finance.

7. That so much as refers to the Board of Custodians be referred to a special committee of three.

8. That so much as refers to deaths be referred to a special committee of three.

9. That the residue of the address be referred to a special committee of three.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. DICKINSON,
C. L. BROWN,
H. L. LUTHER,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Grand Master named as the special committees provided for in above report:

4. Bros. J. D. Markham, T. J. Lombard, F. W. Kugler.
5. Bros. T. Montgomery, A. D. Countryman, C. F. F. Abbott.
7. Bros. B. F. Farmer, D. W. Knowlton, I. P. Durfee.
8. Bros. Geo. H. Davis, E. F. Barrett, D. A. Tufts.
9. Bros. J. S. Chapman, J. P. Emerson, C. R. J. Kellam.

REPORT ON RETURNS OF LODGES.

Bro. A. D. Countryman read the following report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Returns of Lodges have examined the returns of 202 chartered lodges and three lodges U.·. D.·., and present herewith the result of our investigations. We recommend that the several lodges be charged the amounts stated in accompanying table as their fees and dues for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896:

The total membership Jan. 1, 1896, was			15,135
During the year there have been—			
Initiated	776		
Passed	745		
Raised		761	
Joined		285	
Restored		57	
Total gain		—	1,103
There were during the year—			
Withdrawn		373	
Stricken from the roll		239	
Suspended		8	
Expelled		7	
Died		183	
Total loss		—	810
Net gain			293
Total membership Jan. 1, 1897			15,428
Total fees and dues due Grand Lodge			$7,924.80
Total fees and dues received			7,910.00

Following the plan of last year, we submit a statement of assets and liabilities, so far as reported, as follows:

Delinquent dues	$38,738.86
Other assets	236,489.75
Liabilities	37,757.87

These figures are incomplete, as some lodges have only made partial reports. We urge a full report in the future, and also that secretaries itemize their assets and liabilities.

We are happy to state that errors in returns are far less numerous than in former years, and desire to compliment secretaries upon their returns, many of them being models of excellence.

The following errors are noted:

Sakatah, No. 32, owes forty cents.

Star in the West, No. 60, omits lodge numbers.

Orient, No. 84, report not signed by Worshipful Master.

Mt. Tabor, No. 106, report not signed by Worshipful Master.

Nelson, No. 135, reports one initiated and passed, but omits dates.

Ark, No. 176, omits date of one passed.

Itasca, No. 208, pays for three raised, gives names of only two.

Friendship, No. 211, Secretary omits to sign returns.

Bird Island, No. 144, owes $3, arrears of fees for 1895.

Union, No. 45, Doric, No. 87, Kodayha, No. 153, Summit, No. 163, and Amboy, No. 193, omit seal.

Wilton, No. 24, no fees or dues remitted; owes $13.60.

Grim death has been unusually busy among our brethren the past year, 183 having joined the silent majority, a greater number than ever before in our history, and seven more than in 1895.

The number stricken from the roll shows an alarming increase. Great care should be used in applying this remedy, as very few of those who are thus cast outside the fold are ever restored.

The same trouble has confronted us as in former years, so many secretaries waiting till the last moment before sending in returns. It is a great annoyance, but we have tried to bear it with Christian fortitude. Two lodges filed their returns only yesterday, and one Sunset, No. 109, has filed its returns only this morning.

The net gain in membership has not been large, being 194 less than in 1895. The condition of the lodges, however, appears to be prosperous, although fifty-eight report a loss in membership. These losses were to some extent caused by the lopping off of dead timber, so the apparent loss may prove to be a real gain.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, again aided us greatly in tabulating the returns, for which he has our thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. COUNTRYMAN,
O. C. HANSON,
ROBERT C. HINE,
Committee.

Concurred in.

SPECIAL ORDER, ELECTION.

On Motion of Bro. A. Barto, the election of officers was made the special order for 2 p. m. to-morrow.

TELEGRAMS OF SYMPATHY.

On motion, the sympathy of the Grand Lodge was extended to R.·. W.·. Bros. W. T. Rigby and L. Z. Rogers, now lying dangerously ill, and the Grand Secretary was directed to communicate the same by telegram. This was immediately done.

PRESENTATION.

A handsome Past Master's apron was presented to Bro. Stiles Raymond (2), one of the custodians of the work, by the Grand Master, on behalf of the Minneapolis lodges.

PETITIONS FOR RELIEF.

A large number of petitions for the relief of needy brethren, their widows and orphans; were read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 p. m.

MELROSE LODGE, NO. 145.

The following preamble and resolution, presented by Bro. E. P. Barnum, was read and referred to a special committee consisting of E. P. Barnum, Chas. Griswold and J. G. Wheeler.

WHEREAS, The charter of Melrose Lodge, No. 145, of Melrose, Minn., was declared forfeited by this Grand Lodge in 1895, and then surrendered, by reason of a failure to meet or make returns for over two years on account of the depletion and exodus of its members from the town; and

WHEREAS, Since then a railroad division has been established at Melrose, and its population has been increased to over 2,000, among whom are a number of bright and enthusiastic Masons, anxious to see a masonic lodge reëstablished at that place, so that they

may enjoy its privileges and assist as members in its support; therefore,

Resolved, That the charter of Melrose Lodge, No. 145, be restored to its surviving members, and the Grand Master be authorized to permit them to resume masonic labor in said town.

The said committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution in regard to the restoration of the charter of Melrose Lodge, No. 145, would respectfully report: That they find, after due investigation, that twelve members of said lodge, including a Past Master and one of the last Wardens, still reside at Melrose and desire the restoration of the said charter, and that twenty other resident Masons desire a lodge at Melrose; also, that the representatives of Star in the West Lodge, No. 60, at Sauk Center, and North Star, No. 23, at St. Cloud in attendance at this Grand Lodge—the lodges most affected by such restoration—are unanimously in favor of restoring said charter.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution, and also the the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That Bro. J. E. Campbell, Past Master of Melrose Lodge, No. 145, and now present, be permitted to represent said lodge at this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That a dispensation be issued to said Bro. J. E. Campbell, permitting him to hold an election of officers for said lodge.

E. P. BARNUM,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
J. G. WHEELER,
Committee.

Bro. Irving Todd presented the annual report on correspondence, which was ordered printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

EVENING SESSION.

St. Paul, Jan. 14, 1897.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 p. m., Past Grand Master Charles Griswold presid-

ing. The evening was devoted to the exemplification of the work of the third degree by the Board of Custodians, after which the Grand Lodge was called off until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

St. Paul, Jan. 13, 1897.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 a. m., offices and members as before.

W.·. L. R. Barto, Grand Orator, was introduced and delivered the annual oration, and, on motion, a copy was requested for publication in the proceedings. (See Appendix.)

The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them correct and in accord with the truth, and recommend that they be approved.

We find the financial condition of the Grand Lodge to be as follows:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896	$3,165.32
Receipts of 1895, paid to Grand Treasurer, Jan. 16, 1896	8,306.20
Total cash on hand January, 1896	$11,471.52
Total expenses, 1896	7,790.51
Balance	$3,681.01
Receipts for the year 1896	8,182.12
Total cash in general fund Jan. 13, 1897	$11,863.13

We have in the widows' and orphans' fund the sum of $18,239.10, of which $15,100 are invested in bonds of the city of Minneapolis.

There have been issued during the year seventy-six orders, for the following purposes:

Grand Master's expenses	$300.00
Grand Secretary's salary	1,250.00
Grand Secretary's assistant	25.00
Grand Tyler	25.00
Grand Tyler, tyling for Custodians	15.00
Grand Secretary's contingent fund	200.00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office	125.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	100.00
Printing	427.21
Insurance	65.25
Fees returned to lodges	33.00
Board of Custodians	446.60
Pay roll, 1896	2,332.20
Mrs. Pierson	720.00
Relief, seventeen cases	1,700.00
Extra rent for Grand Secretary	31.25
Flowers at funeral of Bro. C. H. Smith	10.00
Total	$7,790.51

As to the Grand Secretary's new office, your committee can only speak in approval of the change. The old quarters were wholly unsuited to the purpose, and the change is the consummation of a long-felt want. The committee have no jurisdiction in the matter of apportioning the rent of the new quarters between the several Masonic Grand Bodies, and we beg to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make such contract with the other Grand Bodies represented by our Brother Grand Secretary, relative to the apportionment of the rent of the Grand Secretary's office as he may deem just, and report the same at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved further, That the rent of said office be paid for the ensuing year in accordance with the terms of the contract to be made by him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. L. BROWN,
A. S. CROSSFIELD,
JOHN S. NELSON,
J. M. D. CRAFT,
C. W. GILMORE,
Committee.

REPORT ON RESIDUE OF ADDRESS.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred the residue of the Grand Master's address respectfully report that they find the address so fully covered by the Committees on Subdivision and Reference, that we are unable to find any matter that requires our attention.

J. S. CHAPMAN,
J. P. EMERSON,
C. R. J. KELLAM,
Committee.

Concurred in.

Bro. J. D. Hoar (164) presented the following resolutions, which were read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks:

WHEREAS, The aim of the Masonic Fraternity is to make its votaries wiser, better and consequently happier;

AND WHEREAS, The sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage tends only to degradation and misery;

Resolved, That all persons engaged as saloonkeepers or bartenders in the sale of intoxicants as a beverage are hereby declared ineligible to receive the degrees of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction;

Resolved, That from the time of the adoption of this resolution it shall be unlawful for any member of a lodge in this jurisdiction to engage in the sale of intoxicants as a beverage, and that any such member engaging in such business shall be liable to charges and discipline for unmasonic conduct.

REPORT ON LODGES U.·. D.·.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·., having carefully examined the minutes of all lodges submitted to us, beg leave to report as follows:

The minutes of Equity Lodge U.·. D.·. at Cottonwood show careful preparation, and we recommend that a charter be granted said lodge.

The minutes of Olivia Lodge U.·. D.·. at Olivia, and Mount Hermon U.·. D.·. at Hancock contain some errors which were brought to the attention of their respective Masters, who promised to have them properly corrected. We recommend that a charter be granted to each of said lodges, the delivery thereof to be conditioned upon

the corrections of the errors referred to; said corrections to be approved by the R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, with whom a statement of the desired corrections has been filed.

R. H. GOVE,
EDGAR NASH,
O. C. HANSON,
D. M. BALDWIN, JR.,
O. E. MAXSON,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

St. Paul, Thursday, Jan. 14, 1897.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 p. m.

Bro. Wm. G. Bell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was introduced and received with the Grand Honors. He briefly thanked the brethren for their courteous reception, and was pleased once more to extend fraternal greetings from his Grand Lodge.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The special order of business—the election of officers—was taken up, Past Grand Master A. Barto filling the Grand East. The following tellers were appointed: Bros. O. L. Dornberg (91), R. T. McAdam (4), O. M. Botsford (18), H. E. Wertz (36), J. C. Henry (190).

Ballots were ordered, and the following officers declared elected:

Bro. James F. Lawless, St. Paul.....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
Bro. Alonzo T. Stebbins, Rochester...R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
Bro. A. Brandenburg, Fergus Falls...R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
Bro. John H. Randall, Minneapolis..R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Bro. Joseph H. Thompson, Minneapolis....R.·. W.· Grand Treasurer
Bro. Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul.....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary

When the reëlection of M.·. W.·. Bro. Lawless was announced, the Past Grand Masters present were appointed a committee to retire and escort him to the Grand East. This done, he briefly returned his thanks for the high honor conferred. While the ballots were being counted as the election progressed, several committees reported as follows:

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

(1)

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to decisions, fraternally report that they have duly considered the same, and find that the decisions rendered and granting and refusing dispensations reported, are in conformity with masonic usage and laws and recommend the approval of the same.

H. R. WELLS,
A. BARTO,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
E. W. DURANT,
Committee.

Adopted.

(2)

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address relating to the resubmission of the proposed amendment of title 4 of part 1 of the constitution, adopted at the 1895 session of this Grand Lodge, fraternally report that the failure to submit such proposed amendment to a vote of the Grand Lodge at the last session renders the action at the previous session nugatory. Section 62, title 8, provides, in effect, that propositions for amendments shall be voted upon at two consecutive sessions. Your committee fraternally refer the matter back to the Grand Lodge for further consideration.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
A. BARTO,
H. R. DENNY,
E. W. DURANT,
Committee.

Concurred in.

(3)

Your committee to whom was submitted so much of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master's address as relates to the approval of by-laws and amendments thereto, would recommend the approval of the Grand Master's action therein.

And in accordance with his suggestion, we would recommend that within the next sixty days the Secretary of each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction be required to file with the Grand Secretary a copy of its by-laws.

The remarks of the Grand Master with reference to disposing of unworthy members by subterfuge, instead of meeting each case fairly and squarely on its merits, meets with our unqualified and cordial indorsement.

CHAS. GRISWOLD,
ALPHONSO BARTO,
H. R. DENNY,
H. R. WELLS,
Committee.

Adopted.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

(1)

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Thos. W. S. McGregor of Rushford, Minn., formerly a member of Mystic Star Lodge, No. 69, who was by said lodge, on Sept. 10, 1887, expelled for unmasonic conduct, to be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry, beg leave to report that, upon due examination of the papers and evidence produced before your committee, of the complete reformation and satisfactory conduct of the petitioner for a number of years last past, and that he is now living a blameless life, we recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

C. W. GILMORE,
CHAS. D. BOYCE,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
F. S. BROWN,
Committee.

Adopted.

(2)

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Harry S. Holcomb of Lincoln, Neb., formerly a member of Khurum Lodge, No. 112, and who had been indefinitely suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry by said Khurum Lodge, on Oct. 25, 1889, for restoration to all the rights and privileges of Masonry, beg leave to report that upon due examina-

tion of the papers and evidence produced before your committee of the complete reformation and satisfactory conduct of the petitioner for a number of years last past, and that he is now living a blameless life, we therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

C. W. GILMORE,
CHAS. D. BOYCE,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
F. S. BROWN,
Committee.

Adopted.

(3)

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of William A. Anderson from the action of Zenith Lodge, No. 200, expelling him therefrom for unmasonic conduct, beg leave to report:

First—That the charge does not state a masonic offense.

Second—That the proceedings had by said lodge were wholly irregular and not in conformity to the trial code, and therefore null and void.

We therefore recommend that the action of said lodge be in all things reversed and set aside.

C. W. GILMORE,
CHAS. D. BOYCE,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
F. S. BROWN,
Committee.

Adopted.

(4)

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Joseph Kronenberg from the action of Jasper Lodge, No. 164, suspending him for the term of one year, beg leave to report, that upon a review of the proceedings had by said lodge, and after hearing arguments on the part of said lodge and appellant, we would recommend that the action of said lodge be in all things reversed and set aside and said proceedings dismissed, on the grounds following:

That the first specification under said charge is not sustained by the evidence, and that the second specification does not state a masonic offense.

C. W. GILMORE,
CHAS. D. BOYCE,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
F. S. BROWN,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

The committee to which was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the fraternal dead, find but little to add to the well-chosen words in which the decease of these brethren has been brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge. The long list of the illustrious departed of other jurisdictions reminds them that very soon all that will remain in this world of the wisest and best will be the impress they have made upon the life and character of humanity. The broken columns fast multiply around the temple and tell us of the visible supports that have been taken away; but the unseen spiritual strength and influence of the tried and faithful craftsmen remain, a mighty power in the world of living duties. To our sister jurisdictions we tender our fraternal sympathy and condolence.

Brothers Smith and Edgerton were well known to the older members of this Grand Lodge. They were honored by the craft, and they proved themselves worthy of every honor bestowed.

Brother Upham was less widely known, but not less worthy of esteem and love. For forty-eight years he wore the lambskin, and brought no spot or stain upon it. Their names are inscribed on an honorable roll, and we cherish their memory with esteem and gratitude.

GEO. H. DAVIS,
E. F. BARRETT,
D. A. TUFTS,
Committee.

Concurred in.

ON APPROPRIATIONS.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appropriations recommend that the following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated from the general fund of this Grand Lodge for the purposes stated, to-wit:

For expenses of Grand Master Lawless, 1896	$300.00
Salary of Grand Secretary, 1897	1,250.00
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence	100.00
Services Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. I. Todd	50.00
Services Grand Tyler, Bro. J. Fischer	25.00
Contingent expenses Grand Secretary, 1897	200.00
Office rent, Grand Secretary, 1897	250.00
Insurance Grand Lodge property	50.00
Printing Proceedings and other printing	500.00
Pay roll, 1897	2,400.00
Board of Custodians	600.00

Grand Secretary for purchase of Todd's Digest	200.00
Relief of Mrs. Eleanor C. Pierson	720.00
Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 35, relief of Bro. Wm. Lee	200.00
Preston Lodge, No. 36, relief of Bro. J. S. Benedict and wife	100.00
Fidelity Lodge, No. 39, relief of Bro. E. Ward	75.00
Hope Lodge, No. 42, relief of wife and children of Bro. T. A. Turnbull	50.00
Harmony Lodge, No. 43, relief of Bro. C. D. Jacobs	50.00
Star of the West Lodge, No. 60, relief of Bro. Wm. Jerman	100.00
Mystic Star Lodge, No. 69, relief of Bro. Emery A. Hitchcock	100.00
Constellation Lodge, No. 81, relief of Bro. M. E. Van Cott.	100.00
Tyrian Lodge, No. 86, relief of Bros. G. W. Judd and Geo. Stace	100.00
Antiquity Lodge, No. 91, relief of Bro. David Watson	50.00
Sherburne Lodge, No. 95, relief of Bro. John Pollard	100.00
Sharon Lodge, No. 104, relief of widow of Bro. P. A. Odell	100.00
Delta Lodge, No. 119, relief of Mary Rye, widow of Arne L. Rye	100.00
Josephus Lodge, No. 128, relief of Bro. J. B. Hill	100.00
Humboldt Lodge, No. 132, relief of two children of the late Bro. J. Martin	50.00
Orion Lodge, No. 138, relief of Bro. L. Woolson	100.00
Traverse Lodge, No. 189, relief of Bro. T. E. Norgaard	100.00
Grand Treasurer, relief of Bro. M. C. Burnside	100.00

H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
H. C. SHEPARD,
Committee.

Adopted.

ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master's address pertaining to fraternal relations, beg leave to report, that our jurisdiction is happily in the enjoyment of the very best and most fraternal relations with the masonic jurisdictions everywhere.

Your committee desire to emphasize their appreciation of the masonic brethren of Idaho in their true interpretation of masonic conduct, in the prompt care of one of the brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction, which is in line with their well-known charity and liberality; and we desire especially to commend our M.·. W.·. Grand Master in causing the prompt reimbursement of the brethren of Idaho for their action in this case.

We desire to further report, that, having duly considered that portion of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master's address contained in the request of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Maine, made through R.·. W.·. Bro. L. Z. Rogers, Representative near this Grand Lodge, that having great regard for the wisdom and masonic standing of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and much as we might wish to reciprocate with that Grand Body and adopt the resolutions requested, yet we are opposed to the spirit of the same, and have by precedent of this Grand Lodge so adopted, refused to indorse the policy of perpetual jurisdiction, either limited or unlimited.

We believe that the true spirit of Masonry should hold out to all men inducements to reform and thereby become "wiser, better, and consequently happier."

For the above reasons we cannot recommend the adoption of the resolutions.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. MARKHAM,
FRED W. KUGLER,
T. J. LOMBARD,
Committee.

Concurred in.

ON ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred that portion of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master's address referring to lodges constituted, to the laying of corner stones, and halls dedicated during the past masonic year, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report, that, from our knowledge and well-known reputation of the skillful craftsmanship and marked zeal and ability of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, in the opinion of your committee, all of said official acts were performed, in accordance with the ancient rituals, customs, and ceremonies of the craft.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. W. NASH,
A. H. STEEN,
H. A. REED,
Committee.

Concurred in.

ON BRO. HOAR'S RESOLUTION.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred the resolutions of Bro. J. D. Hoar of Jasper Lodge, No. 104, wherein it is resolved, "that all persons engaged as saloonkeepers, or bartenders, in the sale of intoxicants as a beverage, are hereby declared ineligible to the degrees of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction," and the accompanying resolution, have had the same under considera-

tion, and very respectfuly report the said resolution back to this Grand Lodge without any recommendation by your committee.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. W. NASH,
A. H. STEEN,
H. A. REED,
Committee.

Concurred in.

REPORT ON CUSTODIANS.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master's address which relates to the Custodians, beg leave to report that it is the opinion of your committee that the work of the Custodians has been of great good to the craft, and that the money appropriated has been well expended. We therefore fully concur with the Grand Master, that the amount of $500 should be appropriated for the work during the current year. We also recommend that a further amount, not to exceed $100, be appropriated to pay the expenses of holding a school of instruction during the week of the Grand Lodge in 1898.

B. F. FARMER,
DAVID W. KNOWLTON,
I. P. DURFEE,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON TODD'S DIGEST.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to Todd's Digest, have had the matter under consideration and report as follows:

We recommend that the resolutions adopted at the communication of this Grand Lodge in 1896, relating to the indexing of the constitution and proceedings of the Grand Lodge and for the purchase of 300 copies of Todd's Digest and the appropriating of money therefor, be rescinded.

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to purchase 250 copies of Todd's Digest edition of 1895, for gratuitous distribution among the lodges and Grand Lodge Officers, and that $187.50 be appropriated for that purpose.

In the limited time at our disposal we have not been able to fully and properly examine the beautiful funeral service submitted by Bro. Chas. Griswold, and recommend that said service be referred to the Board of Custodians.

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
A. D. COUNTRYMAN,
C. F. F. ABBOTT,
Committee.

Adopted.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report That they have made diligent search and inquiry and find that the M.·. W.·. Grand Master covered in his able address the entire field of masonic business. The Committee on Address, so fully subdivided and referred the same to the appropriate committees; the committees, and all officers of this Grand Lodge have performed their respective duties so well that there remains nothing for this committee to act upon.

The only unfinished business is the proper management of the craft for the ensuing masonic year, and if the officers of this Grand Lodge and of the subordinate lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction will perform their duties as well and faithfully in the future as during the past year, the craft cannot fail to prosper and make its influence felt all over our state.

CLARK KEYSOR,
G. W. ROCKWELL,
Committee.

Concurred in.

REPORT ON PAY ROLL.

Bro. J. H. Thompson, Chairman of Committee on Pay Roll, made verbal report that the roll was ready, and received permission to pay the members their mileage and per diem, the full written report to be filed with the Grand Secretary when completed. (See Appendix for report.)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Bro. A. S. Crossfield re-submitted for adoption the amendment to our constitution acted upon in 1895 (page 51), which, after considerable discussion, was declared lost.

RESOLUTIONS ON SALOONKEEPERS.

The resolutions of Bro. J. D. Hoar, referred back without action thereon by the Committee on Ancient Landmarks, were again introduced and discussed. Bro. O. L. Cutter moved to refer them to a special committee of five to report next year. Motion lost. The resolutions were then severally adopted by an almost unanimous vote.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Master-elect announced the following appointments:

Bro. Robert C. Hine, St. Paul.....W.·. Grand Orator
Bro. Rev. L. D. Boynton, Rochester.....W.·. Grand Chaplain
Bro. Henry R. Adams, Minneapolis.....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon
Bro. Jared G. Wheeler, Kasson.....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon
Bro. Joseph C. Henry, St. Paul.....W.·. Grand Marshal
Bro. Ed. H. Folsom, Taylor's Falls.....W.·. Grand Standard Bearer
Bro. Henry O. Hilton, Anoka.....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer
Bro. Herbert D. Jenckes, Jasper.....W.·. Senior Grand Steward
Bro. Harry E. Wertz, Preston.....W.·. Junior Grand Steward
Bro. John D. Carroll, Newport.....W.·. Grand Pursuivant
Bro. Jean C. Fischer, St. Paul.....W.·. Grand Tyler

Committee on Finance—Bros. C. L. Brown (133), H. M. Tusler (163), B. F. Farmer (58), D. M. Baldwin (8), J. S. Nelson (111).

Committee on Returns—A. D. Countryman (137), O. C. Hanson (133), O. L. Dornberg (91).

Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Irving Todd, E. P. Barnum, Thos. Montgomery.

Custodians—Wm. F. Dickinson, reappointed for term of five years.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were then severally installed into their respective offices by Past Grand Master A. Barto.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. H. R. Wells, was read, and after discussion, on motion of Bro. A. T. Stebbins, action thereon was postponed until the next annual communication:

Resolved, That it shall be deemed unmasonic for any Mason to become, or to remain a member of any insurance company, or any organization, company, association or business enterprise having or using the term masonic, or referring to the masonic fraternity in its title, excepting societies for masonic purposes recognized as such for conferring masonic degrees authorized by this Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery, and other masonic orders in this Grand Jurisdiction, and it shall be deemed and is deemed unmasonic for any Mason to hereafter solicit any person to become a member of any such organization for business purposes using title as above indicated; this resolution to take effect Jan. 1, 1898.

THANKS.

On motion of Bro. A. Barto, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to the Masonic Union of St. Paul for the free use of their beautiful hall and adjoining apartments and to all the railroads traversing the state for reduced fare.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed at 6:30 p. m. in Ample Form. Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

JAMES F. LAWLESS,
Grand Master.

Attest:
THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

ORATION.

BY BRO. LYMAN R. BARTO, GRAND ORATOR.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

When, one year ago, I was appointed to the office of Grand Orator, I fully realized my inability to fill the office with either satisfaction to myself or pleasure or profit to the Grand Lodge, and I feel like beginning what little I shall have to say with an apology. But, brethren, I am not to blame for being inflicted upon you as Grand Orator. I was appointed by the Grand Master, and I understand it to be good masonic doctrine for each brother to perform, to the best of his ability, whatever duty may be assigned to him; moreover, I consulted some of the bright lights in masonic law, and found that, from the Grand Master's appointment to office, appeal does not lie, even to the Grand Lodge itself.

In my relations to the office I am forcibly reminded of a remark once made by Oliver Wendell Holmes. Holmes was a man of diminutive size, and was sent to speak at a public meeting in place of Rufus Choate. In his opening remarks Dr. Holmes said that while he did not think he could *fill* Mr. Choate's place he would try and rattle around in it. And if, in my rattling around in the office of Grand Orator, I shall be fortunate enough to recall to the mind of some brother any of the cardinal principles and teachings of Masonry which he, in the turmoil and confusion of active life, may have forgotten or neglected, and thus point him back to the line of duty, I shall be satisfied with my effort. If the Grand Lodge is not, it must lay the blame on the Grand Master, and as he is not only broad-shouldered but good-natured, I trust that he will bear it.

> "'Twas Time's first dawn,
> When naught yet was,
> Nor sand, nor sea,
> Nor cooling wave;
> Earth was not there,
> Nor Heaven above,
> Naught save a void
> And yawning gulf."

And when, from out this yawning gulf of chaos, God had created the heavens and the earth, he made man, the noblest of his creatures, and placed him in the Garden of Eden.

But God saw that it was not good for man to be alone, and he created an helpmeet for him, and thus we find that there was implanted in the breast of the first man a desire for human companionship, for the society of others of his kind, a spirit of fraternity.

Placed as he was in the Garden of Eden, knowing naught of evil, provided with all the choicest fruits of the earth, surrounded by all that was beautiful and pleasing to the senses, even here in Paradise man was not content to dwell alone.

And as mankind has floated down upon the broad bosom of the river of time, this desire for human companionship has strengthened and grown with each succeeding generation. It exists in the breast of the savage and the barbarian, but more than all else it is the well-spring of civilization. It is natural that persons pursuing the same vocation, having the same objects in view, should seek the society and companionship of each other, and become associated together for mutual pleasure and advantage on their journey of life.

Aside from the family union and national organization, this desire for companionship finds expression in many ways. It gave rise to the ancient colleges of the Romans and the Eronoi of the Greeks in the early centuries of the Christian era, and to the craft guilds of England during the middle ages. It finds expression to-day in the almost numberless fraternal, religious and kindred associations and organizations of modern life.

The guilds of the middle ages were associations, usually of tradesmen, who banded themselves together for social enjoyment, for the succor of the needy and distressed of their number, and for the burial of the dead

Our own beloved order of Freemasonry is the most powerful and widely diffused of the many fraternal organizations that have grown into existence by reason of this desire of man for the help, sympathy and association of his fellows.

Operative Masonry was doubtless in the beginning a secret trade, and none might practice it who had not served a suitable apprenticeship under a master. The youth desirous of learning the trade of a mason was examined as to his physical and moral qualifications. He must be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that might render him incapable of learning the art of serving his master, and of eventually becoming a brother; also that he might not through physical infirmities become dependent upon his brethren. He must be moral and upright before God and of good report before the world, that he might not through licentious or vicious conduct become a reproach upon the craft.

The ancient master masons of the operative art were not content to teach their apprentices the art of building buildings alone, but the apprentice, having a youthful and well-ordered mind as a foundation, and in order that he might continue in his good disposi-

tion, was, at the same time, given a course of moral instruction. Being illiterate, he was, as was the custom in those times, taught by means of types, emblems and allegorical figures. Tools and implements of his trade were selected to imprint on his mind wise and serious truths, and from each a moral lesson was drawn. These tools being constantly in his hands in the practice of his trade, their moral teachings were ever-present to his mind, so that when he had climbed up through the various steps of his apprenticeship and had become a master mason, he was also a thoroughly moral and virtuous man, combining those great masonic virtues—morality and brotherly love.

As mankind progressed in knowledge, operative masonry gradually lost its secret character; men of intelligence acquired the secrets of mixing and spreading the cement, and of hewing, squaring and adjusting the stones, and practiced the trade without having first served an apprenticeship under a master. Thus the operative and moral features of the order became dissevered. The moral succeeded the mechanical, and the order, from being a builder of both buildings and moral characters, became a builder of characters alone. As such it was established by our ancient brethren, and, through succeeding generations, has been handed down to us bright and unspotted by the world, and as such we are to pass it on to future generations.

The duty of maintaining the high reputation given it by our ancient brethren as a moral institution and a builder of moral character devolves upon us, the Masons of to-day. The past we could not alter, even if we desired to do so. Our acts will have more or less of influence for good or evil upon its progress for the future, but with the present we have all to do, and for it we alone are responsible.

Such being the case, it is fitting for us, the representatives of the great body of Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, as we gather around our altar in annual communication, to call to mind some of the teachings which we, as Masons, recognize as cardinal principles and teachings of the order, to review our thoughts, acts and deeds since our last annual communication, and to see if we have practiced all those virtues out of the lodge which are inculcated in it, and to resolve to amend in the future whatever we have done amiss in the past.

Have you, my brother, during the past year, always obeyed the moral law? Have you at all times reverenced the name of God? Have you uttered His name in any other way save with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator? Have you implored His aid in all your laudable undertakings, and esteemed Him as the chief good?

Have you, in all your dealings with mankind, acted upon the square, and done unto your neighbor as you would that he should do to you? Have you, in your own conduct, avoided all irregularities and intemperance?

Have you listened to the cry of want, and from your own bountiful supply ministered to the necessities of those less fortunate than yourself? My brother, that widow, that orphan whom you have found in sickness and distress and to whom you have extended a helping hand, may, perchance, be the widow or the orphan of a brother who, from that bright lodge on high, looks down upon your kindly ministrations to his loved ones, whose celestial spirit pours down a blessing upon you, and who in the last day will go with you and plead your cause for you before the Great Judge. Have you been kind and forgiving to the erring? Remember—

"Into the path of sin, one step may take you,
For wrong lies near to the path of right, but lower down
From right to wrong the way descends;
But back again to right, 'tis steep and rugged."

"The look of sympathy, the gentle word,
Spoken so low that only angels heard;
The kindly plans devised for others' good,
So seldom guessed, so little understood,
The quiet, steadfast love that strove to win
Some wanderer from the ways of sin,
These are not lost."

Have you seen a brother wounded and broken by the wayside, and passed him by on the other side, as did the priest and the Levite? Have you spoken kindly words of comfort to the heart bowed down with sorrow? It is comparatively easy to do a momentary deed of daring that will thrill the world; it is not so easy to do little deeds of quiet courage from day to day, unheeded by all and unheeding all. You may not, perhaps, be called upon to do great deeds, but little acts of kindness are possible to all.

"A little word in kindness spoken,
A motion or a tear,
Has often healed the heart that's broken
And made a friend sincere.

"A word, a look, has crushed to earth
Full many a budding flower
Which, had a smile but owned its birth,
Would bless life's darkest hour.

"Then deem it not an idle thing
A pleasant word to speak;
The face you wear, the thought you bring
A heart may heal or break."

Have you, in the mad rush for wealth, place or power, crowded a weaker, and perhaps weary and heavy laden, brother to the wall?

Have you ground down the poor into greater depths of poverty, in order that you might amass great wealth? However vast may be your accumulations of worldly wealth, they will in the end shrink to the small plot of ground in the burying ground, and could you take them with you, not all the wealth of the world could gain you admission into the celestial lodge above. Vast wealth should only be accumulated for the good you can do with it. Think you that your grave will be watered by the tears of those whom in your ambition you have crushed to earth?

I once saw a beautiful engraving, called "The Midnight Review." It represented an innumerable host of phantom soldiers, marshaling in the moonlight, to pass by in review before the ghost of Napoleon, in whose service each of them had met a soldier's death,—martyrs to the ruthless ambition of a single man. So live, then, my brother, that when you appear before the Supreme Grand Master, and are called upon to account for your deeds while here on earth, you are not in that great day confronted by the phantoms of those who, in your greed for great wealth, you have crushed beneath the wheels of the juggernaut of your ambition.

The world, and even we, as Masons, are too prone to see only the faults and frailties of our brother man while he is alive, remembering his virtues only when he is dead.

Well might the poet cry—

"If I should die to-night,
My friends would call to mind, with loving thought,
Some kindly deed the icy hand had wrought,
Some gentle word the frozen lips had said;
Errands on which the willing feet had sped;
The memory of my selfishness and pride,
My hasty words, would all be put aside,
And so I should be loved and mourned to-night.

"O, friends! I pray to-night,
Keep not your kisses for my dead, cold brow;
The way is lonely; let me feel them now;
Think gently of me; I am travel-worn;
My faltering feet are pierced with many a thorn;
Forgive! O heart estranged, forgive, I plead!
When dreamless rest is mine I shall not need
The tenderness for which I long to-night."

In short, my brethren, have you *lived* Masonry, or have you allowed it to become but a mockery in your lives, an empty name? Have you allowed yours hearts to become but sepulchers in which you have hid away the skeleton form of brotherly love, relief and truth? Or is your heart pulsating with love for your brother, prompting you to noble deeds and kind and sympathetic words?

He who has conscientiously performed the requirements of and avoided the things prohibited by Masonry need have no fears for the future.

God planted that desire for human companionship, that spirit of affection which we term brotherly love, in the breast of Adam for a purpose. "Brotherly love, the foundation and capstone, the cement and glory of our ancient fraternity"—it is but the small lump of leaven which is destined to leaven the whole loaf, until every man shall regard every other man his brother. And in this work Masonry has its part to perform. Fitted by its every principle and teaching to take the foremost part in everything that tends to elevate and ameliorate the conditions of mankind, it can only be deprived of its true place by the voluntary acts or neglects of its own votaries, and we, the Masons of to-day, are responsible for what it is doing or leaving undone in the present. The moment those whose duty it is to uphold and diffuse the great moral principles of our order become recreant to their trust, that moment the institution begins to decay.

The question then comes home to each of us—Have I been true to the principles and teachings of the order? Have I betrayed the trust reposed in me by those who thought me worthy to become a Mason?

An institution that has withstood the disintegrating forces of time, the devastations of war, the slanders of the malevolent, and the persecutions of the ignorant and superstitious; that has seen kingdoms and empires spring into being, rise to power, flourish for a time, and fall into ruin; that has withstood the assaults of the most powerful church organization the world has ever known; that has been made a football of in the political arena, and notwithstanding all these have flourished and grown, until to-day it has its home in every civilized nation, and in every hamlet a dwelling place,—such an institution has nothing to fear from forces from *without*. If it fails to perform its whole duty to humanity it will be because of forces from *within*.

It was the first institution on earth to proclaim the equality of man; it is the friend of the poor; it is the exponent of morality and virtue; it is the advocate of intellectual freedom and enlightenment, and as such is recognized by Rome as her most powerful adversary, and for this reason she is now preparing to hurl against it all the mighty forces at her command with the purpose of its extermination. But notwithstanding all this, Freemasonry has still survived, and will survive until that spark of human affection which God planted in the breast of Adam shall, working through Masonry and other fraternal organizations, have wrought out the great problem of humanity to its legitimate consummation in the Universal Brotherhood of Man.

APPENDIX A—GRAND OFFICERS

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE G.·. L.·. OF MINNESOTA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, FEB. 24, 1853, TO THE PRESENT TIME.

DATE INSTALLED.	GRAND MASTER.	No.	DEPUTY G.·. M.·.	No.	SENIOR G.·. W.·.	No.	JUNIOR G.·. W.·.	No.	G.·. TREASURER.	No.	G.·. SECRETARY.	No.
Feb. 24, 1853	A. E. Ames*.....	2	A. Goodrich*.....	3	D. F. Brawley*...	3	A. Van Vorhes*...	1	E. Case*.....	2	J. G. Lennon*.....	2
Jan. 3, 1854	A. E. Ames*.....	2	D. F. Brawley*...	3	A. Van Vorhes*...	1	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5	E. Case*.....	4	H. Reynolds‖.....	2
Jan 5, 1855	M. Sherburne*.....	5	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5	C. T. Stearnss....	2	A. Van Vorhes*...	1	E. Case*.....	4	H. Reynolds‖.....	2
Jan. 11, 1856	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5	H. N. Setzer.....	1	Thos. J. Lombard..	6	E. A. Hodgson§...	4	E. Case*.....	4	H. Reynolds‖.....	2
Jan. 8, 1857	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5	Wm. H. Mower*..	1	E. A. Hodgson§...	4	William Lee.....	7	E. Case*.....	4	Geo. W. Prescott§.	5
Jan. 8, 1858	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	Frank Mantor*.....	11	A. C. Smith*.....	3	E. Case*.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott§.	5
Oct. 27, 1858	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	Frank Mantor*.....	11	Samuel E. Adams.	16	E. Case*.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott§.	5
Oct. 26, 1859	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	Samuel E. Adams.	16	J. C. Whipple*....	9	E. Case*.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott§.	5
Oct. 25, 1860	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5	D. B. Loomis.....	1	J. C. Whipple*....	9	C. W. Thompson*.	17	E. Case*.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott§.	5
Oct. 23, 1861†	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5	J. C. Whipple*....	9	L. E. Thompson*..	1	George Bradley*...	31	E. Case*.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott§.	5
Oct. 28, 1863	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5	L. E. Thompson*..	1	C. H. Lindsley‖...	21	W. T. Rigby.....	28	E. Case*.....	19	Geo. W. Prescott§.	5
Oct. 26, 1864	Geo. W. Prescott§.	5	L. E. Thompson*..	1	E. C. Wells*.....	31	A. B. Curry‖.....	23	Geo. L. Otis*.....	5	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Oct. 25, 1865	Geo. W. Prescott§.	5	P. P. Hubbell*....	18	G. B. Cooley*.....	11	A. J. Phelps*.....	34	Geo. L. Otis*.....	5	C. W. Carpenter...	5
Oct. 24, 1866	Charles W. Nash..	35	W. T. Rigby.....	28	Robert Stewart*..	49	S. R. Merrell*....	40	Geo. L. Otis*.....	5	Wm. S. Combs....	5
Oct. 23, 1867†	Charles W. Nash..	35	R. A. Jones*.....	21	S. R. Merrell*....	40	S. Y. Hyde.....	49	Geo. L. Otis*.....	5	Wm. S. Combs....	5
Jan. 15, 1869	Charles W. Nash..	35	R. A. Jones*.....	21	S. R. Merrell*....	40	S. Y. Hyde.....	49	Geo. L. Otis*.....	5	Wm. S. Combs....	5
Jan. 13, 1870	Charles W. Nash..	35	G. B. Cooley*.....	11	S. Y. Hyde.....	49	Fred Joss*.....	8	Geo. L. Otis*.....	5	Wm. S. Combs....	5
Jan. 12, 1871	Charles W. Nash..	35	C. Griswold.....	49	E. D. B. Porter‡..	12	J. W. Morford*...	33	Geo. L. Otis*.....	5	Wm. S. Combs....	5
Jan. 12, 1872	G. B. Cooley*.....	11	C. Griswold.....	49	J. N. Castle.....	1	E. P. Barnum.....	60	Geo. L. Otis*.....	5	Wm. S. Combs....	5
Jan. 15, 1873	C. Griswold.....	49	J. N. Castle.....	1	Edgar Nash.....	76	I. B. Cummings*..	18	Geo. L. Otis*.....	5	E. D. B. Porter‡..	12
Jan. 15, 1874	C. Griswold.....	49	J. N. Castle.....	1	Edgar Nash.....	76	I. B. Cummings*..	18	Geo. A. Camp*....	2	E. D. B. Porter‡..	12
Jan. 13, 1875	C. Griswold.....	49	J. C. Braden*.....	89	I. B. Cummings*..	18	H. R. Wells.....	36	Geo. A. Camp*....	2	E. D. B. Porter‡..	12
Jan. 13, 1876	J. C. Braden*.....	89	I. B. Cummings*..	18	H. R. Wells.....	36	A. J. Edgerton*...	11	Geo. A. Camp*....	2	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 11, 1877	J. C. Braden*.....	89	E. W. Durant.....	1	L. Z. Rogers.....	32	C. O. Ball*.....	7	Geo. A. Camp*....	2	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 16, 1878	E. W. Durant.....	1	H. R. Wells.....	36	C. H. Benton*....	4	C. N. Daniels*....	9	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 15, 1879	Henry R. Wells...	36	C. H. Benton*....	4	C. N. Daniels*....	9	George A. Camp*..	2	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 14, 1880	Henry R. Wells...	36	C. H. Benton*....	4	G. H. Davis.....	23	J. H. Brown*.....	104	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 12, 1881	Henry R. Wells...	36	G. H. Davis.....	23	Henry R. Denny..	111	R. H. Gove.....	21	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 11, 1882	C. H. Benton*....	4	G. H. Davis.....	23	Henry R. Denny..	111	R. H. Gove.....	21	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 10, 1883	C. H. Benton*....	4	Henry R. Denny..	111	R. H. Gove.....	21	A. P. Fitch.....	42	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 16, 1884	Henry R. Denny..	111	R. H. Gove.....	21	A. P. Fitch.....	42	C. H. Smith*.....	97	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 14, 1885	Henry R. Denny..	111	R. H. Gove.....	21	J. A. Kiester.....	57	A. Marden.....	98	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 13, 1886	R. H. Gove.....	21	J. H. Brown*.....	104	J. A. Kiester.....	57	Alphonso Barto....	60	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 12, 1887	J. H. Brown*.....	104	J. A. Kiester.....	57	Alphonso Barto....	60	A. La Due.....	11	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 13, 1888	J. H. Brown*.....	104	J. A. Kiester.....	57	Alphonso Barto....	60	Geo. S. Acker.....	5	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 17, 1889	J. A. Kiester.....	57	Alphonso Barto....	60	W. F. Dickinson...	91	Charles D. Boyce..	2	J. H. Thompson...	19	A. T. C. Pierson*..	5
Jan. 17, 1890	J. A. Kiester.....	57	Alphonso Barto....	60	W. F. Dickinson...	91	Charles D. Boyce..	2	J. H. Thompson...	19	T. Montgomery....	54
Jan. 15, 1891	Alphonso Barto....	60	W. F. Dickinson...	91	Charles D. Boyce..	2	H. C. Shepard.....	18	J. H. Thompson...	19	T. Montgomery....	54
Jan. 14, 1892	Alphonso Barto....	60	W. F. Dickinson...	91	C. L. Brown.....	133	Wm. B. Patton....	79	J. H. Thompson...	19	T. Montgomery....	54
Jan. 12, 1893	W. F. Dickinson...	91	C. L. Brown.....	133	Chas. L. West....	39	J. D. Markham....	146	J. H. Thompson...	19	T. Montgomery....	54
Jan. 11, 1894	C. L. Brown.....	133	Chas. L. West....	39	J. F. Lawless.....	3	A. T. Stebbins....	21	J. H. Thompson...	19	T. Montgomery....	54
Jan. 17, 1895	C. L. Brown.....	133	J. F. Lawless.....	3	A. T. Stebbins....	21	A. Brandenburg....	99	J. H. Thompson...	19	T. Montgomery....	54
Jan. 16, 1896	J. F. Lawless.....	3	A. T. Stebbins....	21	A. Brandenburg....	99	J. H. Randall.....	4	J. H. Thompson...	19	T. Montgomery....	54
Jan. 14, 1897	J. F. Lawless.....	3	A. T. Stebbins....	21	A. Brandenburg....	99	J. H. Randall.....	4	J. H. Thompson...	19	T. Montgomery....	54

* Deceased. † No session of Grand Lodge in 1862 or 1868. ‡Expelled. §Withdrawn. ¶Stricken from roll of lodge.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number.	Lodge.	Location. Town.	Location. County.	Date of Charter.	Worshipful Master.	Senior Warden.	Junior Warden.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.
1	St. Johns	Stillwater	Washington	June 9, '52	Fred A. Lenox	L. L. Manwaring.	Richard F. Jones	Henry S. Smith	1 and 3 Mon.
2	Cataract	Minneapolis	Hennepin	Oct. 5, '52	H. J. Putman	R. H. Hartley	B. H. Timberlake.	Solon Armstrong	1 Sat.
3	St. Paul	St. Paul	Ramsey	Jan.10, '56	Edward McStay	S. A. Farnsworth.	J. J. Earley	A. W. Mortensen	1 and 3 Fri.
4	Hennepin	Minneapolis	Hennepin	" 2, '54	Robert T. McAdam	R. D. Webb	A. K. Norton	J. T. Thompson	2 and 4 Wed.
5	Ancient Landm'k	St. Paul	Ramsey	" 3, '54	John S. Pinney	Elman L. Spencer.	John D. Grant	M. T. Emery	2 and 4 Ths.
7	Dakota	Hastings	Dakota	" 9, '56	C. W. Munroe	G. A. Emerson	A. E. Johnson	Julius Panse	2 and 4 Wed.
8	Red Wing	Red Wing	Goodhue	" 9, '56	Hugo J. Herder	A. J. Kappel	J. H. Friedrich	G. H. Diepenbrock	1 Mon.
9	Faribault	Faribault	Rice	Oct.25, '65	H. L. Luther	J. R. Smith	T. A. Stewart	F. A. Davis	2 and 4 Mon.
11	Mantorville	Mantorville	Dodge	Jan. 6, '57	J. M. F. Cooper	F. E. Joslyn	H. A. Crampton	W. W. Campbell	2 and 4 Tus.
12	Mankato	Mankato	Blue Earth	" 6, '57	Hugh McMurtrie	Jean A. Flettie	Judson N. Day	Samuel B. Wilson	2 and 4 Sat.
14	Wapahasa	Walasna	Wabasha	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady	J. A. Vandyke	Linn Whitmore	A. J. Stone	1 and 3 Mon.
16	Monticello	Monticello	Wright	" 8, '57	M. J. Kingsbury	T. H. Bertram	A. O. Bryant	H. M. Piper	1 and 3 Sat.
17	Hokah	Hokah	Houston	" 8, '57	A. J. Snure	J. D. Becker	Geo. Crowe	W. S. Moe	1 and 3 Tus.
18	Winona	Winona	Winona	" 8, '57	Enoch Stott	G. P. Tawney	O. M. Botsford	J. J. Hillmer	1 and 3 Tus.
19	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Hennepin	" 7, '58	H. D. Dickinson	C. E. Ovenshire	T. D. Bell	Horace M. Myers	1 and 3 Wed.
20	Caledonia	Caledonia	Houston	" 7, '58	Moses Emery	C. C. Hellickson	Frank Bartholomev	D. P. Stewart	2 and 4 Wed.
21	Rochester	Rochester	Olmsted	" 8, '58	John M. Rowley	C. E. Callaghan	George B. Doty	T. H. Bliss	2 and 4 Mon.
22	Pleasant Grove	Pleas'nt Grove	Olmsted	" 8, '58	George Logan	Albert D. Ehrhard	James A. Petty	Wm. F Roeseler	1 and 3 Tus.
23	North Star	St. Cloud	Stearns	" 8, '58	David T. Calhoun	James F. Stephens	L. T. Troutman	John C. Munro	2 and 4 Mon.
24	Wilton	Alma City	Waseca	" 8, '58	George Hofeld	John Elmore	D. J. Bickford	Herman E. Gates	1 and 3 Ths.
26	Western Star	Albert Lea	Freeborn	Oct.27, '58	J. S. Chapman	C. M. Wilkinson	G. W. Geesey	O. J. Wulff	2 and 4 Wed.
27	Blue Earth Valley	Winnebago C'y	Faribault	" 27, '58	Joseph H. Finch	J. E. Gilman	Chas. Canfield	J. H. Sherin	1 and 3 Tus.
28	Clear Water	Clear Water	Wright	" 27, '58	W. V. Davee	W. A. Shaw	L. Laughton	C. D. Keene	1 and 3 Sat.
29	Morning Star	La Crescent	Houston	" 26, '59	Daniel W. Luther.	John W. Welch	Joseph Robillard	W. M. Selby	1 and 3 Sat.
30	Anoka	Anoka	Anoka	" 26, '59	H. O. Hilton	G. D. Bartlett	E. L. Thurston	S. C. Page	*
31	King Hiram	Jordan	Scott	" 24, '60	E. R. Bristol	H. A. Engler	Lewis U. Boyle	G. W. Pickell	2 and 4 Fri.
32	Sakatah	Waterville	Le Sueur	" 24, '60	C. C. Hanks	Geo. McConkey	F. W. Wright	S. H. Farrington	1 and 3 Sat.
33	Star in the East	Owatonna	Steele	" 24, '60	P. J. Rolfe	Hans Anderson	C. H. Rosebrock	C. W. Burdick	2 and 4 Wed.
34	Oriental	Cannon Falls.	Goodhue	" 24, '60	Foster B. Seager	Chas. S. Smith	Chas. A. Krabril	John A. Wilson	1 and 3 Wed.
35	Mt. Moriah	Hastings	Dakota	" 24, '60	A. M. Adsit	A. A. Scott	J. M. Morgan	S. B. Rude	1 and 3 Mon.
36	Preston	Preston	Fillmore	" 23, '61	Harry E. Wertz	Henry M. Wells	N. G. Hazen	Julius Johnson	2 and 4 Wed.
37	Mystic Tie	Pine Island	Goodhue	" 23, '61	T. H. Bunn	A. H. Irish	W. D. Hayward	C. A. Smith	2 and 4 Wed.
38	Washington	West Concord.	Dodge	" 23, '61	D. C. Gardner	E. H. Catlin	A. G. Norton	J. W. Miller	2 and 4 Sat.
39	Fidelity	Austin	Mower	" 28, '63	A. C. Page	F. B. Wood	W. H. Adams	C. H. Wilbour	1 and 3 Wed.
40	Carnelian	Lake City	Wabasha	" 28, '63	L. S. Lutz	E. B. Chase	W. A. Hubbard	E. J. Manning	2 and 4 Tus.
41	Hermon	Zumbrota	Goodhue	" 28, '63	E. Woodbury	F. W. Fulkerson	O. K. Anderson	Herman Anderson.	1 and 3 Tus.

42	Hope	Glencoe	McLeod	Oct 28, '63	Merrill C. Tifft	Nelson Hassan	Jacob J. Johnson	James Cummings	1 and 3 Sat.
43	Harmony	Lewiston	Winona	" 28, '63	Lewis J. Baldwin	Nell Henry	Ole Stephenson	O. W. Hunt	1 and 3 Mon.
44	King Solomon	Shakopee	Scott	" 28, '63	H. O. Smith	C. G. Hinds	J. H. Isenhour	C. C. Storer	2 and 4 Sat.
45	Union	Le Sueur	Le Sueur	" 26, '64	E. F. Barrett	A. E. Cadwell	H. F. Weis	W. H. Stewart	1 and 3 Tus.
46	Evergreen	Clyde	Winona	" 26, '64	S. L. Gaskill	H. B. Clawson	J. W. Campbell	D. A. Fergusson	1 and 3 Sat.
47	Concord	Cleveland	Le Sueur	" 26, '64	John W. Chambers	W. C. Davis	M. A. Hill	W. O. Shuey	1 and 3 Sat.
48	Social	Northfield	Rice	" 26, '64	H. L. Cruttenden	John W. Hunter	L. O. Olsen	W. C. Barnard	1 and 3 Mon.
49	Rising Sun	St. Charles	Winona	" 26, '64	A. W. Mowbray	P. H. Kieffer	Chas. E. Smith	R. A. Johnson	1 and 3 Ths.
50	Watertown	Watertown	Carver	" 25, '65	Walter St. John	Edwin E. Shrader	M. L. Malsed	C. G. Halgren	*
51	Acacia	Cottage Grove	Washington	" 25, '65	A. H. Steen	John Siebolds	Chas. H. Gilmore	Peter Thompson	‡
52	Cannon River	Morristown	Rice	" 25, '65	Judson C. Temple	William L. Eddy	Wm. C. Morgan	Hoyt D. Widrick	†
54	Nicollet	St. Peter	Nicollet	" 25, '65	Samuel P. Witty	Shep. B. Miner	H. A. Tomlinson	Norman B. Patten	1 and 3 Tus.
55	Zion	Taylors Falls	Chisago	" 24, '66	Ed. H. Folsom	August J. Anderson	Ernest Leske	Geo. W. Seymour	2 and 4 Wed.
56	Meridian	Chatfield	Fillmore	" 23, '67	John Chermak	Chas. M. Cooper	Otto E. Jorgenson	Wm. H. Slisbee	1 and 3 Wed.
57	Blue Earth City	Blue Earth C'y	Faribault	" 23, '67	J. H. Sprout	M. B. Parker	M. V. Carpenter	Louis Holt	1 and 3 Sat.
58	Spring Valley	Spring Valley	Fillmore	" 23, '67	Benj. F. Farmer	W. D. Hart	C. A. Paul	H. H. Markusen	1 and 3 Tus.
59	Temple	Hutchinson	McLeod	" 23, '67	W. W. Sivright	H. L. Merrill	A. A. McRae	E. J. Stearns	1 and 3 Tus.
60	Star in the West	Sauk Center	Stearns	" 23, '67	Chas. S. Allen	Geo. C. Ingram	John F. Dimond	Philorman Lamb	2 and 4 Tus.
61	Ashler	Eyota	Fillmore	" 23, '67	George L. Wood	Chas. H. Dunn	Ernest Burlingame	George H. Bush	1 and 3 Mon.
62	Star	Rockford	Wright	" 23, '67	D. R. Thompson	F. H. Johnson	Geo. O. Crandall	A. C. Franham	†
63	Illustrious	Plainview	Wabasha	" 23, '67	Frank A. Wells	Harry A. Weikel	Harry G. Austin	Loyal D. Colby	1 and 3 Tus.
64	Chain Lake	Fairmont	Martin	" 23, '67	V. Wohlhuter	Clayton A. Porter	Malcom Aldrich	George Wohleter	1 and 3 Tus.
65	Golden Rule	Lakeland	Washington	" 23, '67	Frank Jackson	C. V. Holmstrom	Grant Dickinson	Albert Dickinson	2 and 4 Tus.
66	Madelia	Madelia	Watonwan	" 23, '67	E. J. Cook	J. E. Haycraft	F. C. Gleason	W. R. Estes	1 and 3 Wed.
67	Corinthian	Farmington	Dakota	" 23, '67	Chas. O. Wescott	W. M. Dodge	Fred. H. Grebie	H. H. Judson	1 and 3 Tus.
69	Mystic Star	Rushford	Fillmore	Jan. 15, '69	W. F. Drake	John Martin	J. G. Roberton	E. A. Sykes	1 and 3 Sat.
71	Paynesville	Paynesville	Stearns	" 15, '69	H. A. Wells	W. A. Huntington	Edgar R. Phipps	A. E. Bugble	2 and 4 Sat.
72	Lansing	Lansing	Mower	" 15, '69	Samuel C. Seavey	Alvah E. Beadell	Horear Lyons	O. C. La Bar	2 and 4 Sat.
73	Brownsville	Brownsville	Houston	" 15, '69	Chas. E. McCan	John C. Beck	Wm. F. McCan	E. M. Winslow	2 and 4 Mon.
75	Eureka	Le Roy	Mower	" 15, '69	George W. Palmer	W. M. Walker	N. R. Miller	J. M. Wyckoff	1 and 3 Tus.
76	Joppa	Good Thunder	Blue Earth	" 15, '69	Lysander Cook	H. F. Lehman	W. A. Wilsie	J. G. Graham	1 and 3 Sat.
77	Tuscan	Waseca	Waseca	" 15, '69	Geo. R. Buckman	R. W. Brown	Chas. M. Hawkes	Walter Child	2 and 4 Ths.
78	Mystic Circle	Houston	Houston	" 15, '69	Peter Hanson	John W. Jenson	Charles T. Olson	Caspar F. Schonlau	2 and 4 Fri.
79	Palestine	Duluth	St. Louis	" 12, '70	W. A. McGonagle	E. J. Duffies	Lyonel Ayres	Edwin Moores	1 and 3 Mon.
80	Henderson	Henderson	Sibley	" 12, '70	E. L. Welch	Aug. Stucke, Sr	Aug. L. Poehler	T. W. Blasing	1 and 3 Sat.
81	Constellation	Alexandria	Douglas	" 12, '70	W. B. Mitson	A. R. Campbell	F. C. Ralter	Wm. T. Cowing	2 and 4 Wed.
82	Howard	Howard Lake	Wright	" 12, '70	E. H. Learned	E. E. Ritchie	Wm. D. Thompson	S. F. Bunker	†
83	Huram Abi	Kasson	Dodge	" 14, '70	C. L. Chambers	E. E. Huelster	J. J. McCaughey	C. T. Goodrich	1 and 3 Wed.
84	Orient	Money Creek	Houston	" 11, '71	Levi Corey	Chas. Tiffany	Taylor Robinson	Fred. F. Butler	1 and 3 Sat.
85	High Forest	High Forest	Olmsted	" 11, '71	V. C. Dickey	G. F. Brown	M. E. Fellows	F. R. Englehart	1 and 3 Wed.
86	Tyrian	Mazeppa	Wabasha	" 11, '71	J. B. Gregoire	E. L. Ford	M. J. Rucker	O. G. Nichols	1 and 3 Sat.
87	Doric	Wells	Faribault	" 11, '71	C. K. Baxter	J. A. Johnson	B. Bieri	John A. Klavish	1 and 3 Ths.
89	Golden Fleece	Litchfield	Meeker	" 10, '72	Peter Berens	James Robinson	George B. Strobeck	John W. Wright	2 and 4 Fri.
90	Good Faith	Jackson	Jackson	" 10, '72	W. C. Portmann	M. B. Hutchinson	R. A. Gruhlke	Chas. P. Randall	1 and 3 Wed.
91	Antiquity	Redwood Falls	Redwood	" 10, '72	W. R. Caswell	J. A. Schmahl	G. W. Dickinson	H. L. Beecher	1 and 3 Wed.
92	Fraternal	Princeton	Mille Lacs	" 10, '72	Charles A. Jack	Arthur A. Caswell	Ed. K. Evens	B. M. Van Alstein	2 Wed.

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Number.	Lodge.	Location. Town.	Location. County.	Date of Charter.	Worshipful Master.	Senior Warden.	Junior Warden.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.
93	Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	Jan. 10, '72	Fred N. Sartell	Wm. L. Sartell	A. L. Smitten	Wayland Miller	1 and 3 Sat.
94	Keystone	Sleepy Eye	Brown	" 10, '72	J. R. L. Hanson	W. R. Hodges	C. F. W. Mellenthin	Emil Rasmussen	1 and 3 Tus.
95	Sherburne	Elk River	Sherburne	" 10, '72	Andrew Davis	Weston Merrifield	W. P. Rhoda	E. E. Bryant	1 and 3 Tus.
96	Libanus	St. James	Watonwan	" 15, '73	G. W. Hiles	George Knudson	C. W. Foote	Galenus Morris	2 and 4 Tus.
97	Prudence	Windom	Cottonwood	" 15, '73	Frank Stedman	George S. Henslow	James S. Kibbey	E. A. Sime	1 and 3 Wed.
98	Charity	New Ulm	Brown	" 15, '73	C. W. Heiman	W. A. Hubbard	George Doster	G. Schmidt	2 and 4 Tus.
99	Corner Stone	Fergus Falls	Otter Tail	" 15, '73	J. T. Johnson	J. A. McConkey	D. M. Brown	B. F. Brown	1 and 3 Tus.
100	Aurora	Brainerd	Crow Wing	" 15, '73	G. F. Mitchell	F. P. Barns	F. B. Johnson	R. Caughie	2 and 4 Tus.
101	Fraternity	Worthington	Nobles	" 15, '73	Benj. F. Thurber	James C. Durfee	Julian A. Town	Rezean B. Plotts	1 and 3 Mon.
102	Lebanon	Lanesboro	Fillmore	" 15, '73	W. W. Wall	W. S. Henry	W. H. Travis	M. G. Fellows	1 and 3 Mon.
103	Bethel	Lake Crystal	Blue Earth	" 15, '73	John W. Williams	Chas. G. Davis	Chas. C. Jenkins	E. F. Christensen	1 and 3 Sat.
104	Sharon	Willmar	Kandiyohi	" 15, '73	Olof Olson	H. S. Wakeman	S. Berkness	J. D. Wolpert	2 and 4 Fri.
106	Mt. Tabor	Detroit	Becker	" 14, '74	George C. Bush	E. D. Holmes	I. L. Brooks	Casper Wackman	2 and 4 Tus.
108	Relief	Dodge Center	Dodge	" 14, '74	George W. Ballard	Wm. B. Parsons	Frank C. Ballard	J. W. Rhodes	1 and 3 Sat.
109	Sunset	Montevideo	Chippewa	" 14, '74	R. S. Bacon	A. B. Tredway	R. A. Brown	P. L. Norman	2 and last Sat.
110	Pickwick	Pickwick	Winona	" 13, '75	James L. Finch	Wm. Harrington	P. S. Taylor	Geo. Sainsbury	2 and 4 Sat.
111	Carver	Carver	Carver	" 13, '75	Geo. C. E. Goetze	Wm. H. Casjari	Fred Gehl	O. C. Brunius	1 and 3 Sat.
112	Khurum	Minneapolis	Hennepin	" 13, '75	D. W. Knowlton	John H. Abbott	Richard A. Mabey	H. B. Marchbank	2 and 4 Fri.
113	Excelsior	Excelsior	Hennepin	" 13, '75	W. B. Mason	A. H. Lyman	Geo. P. Dickenson	Ishmael C. Smith	2 and 4 Tus.
114	Ben. Franklin	Luverne	Rock	" 13, '75	John Kelley	John P. Houg	Jay A. Kennicott	Chas. J. Ronald	1 and 3 Fri.
115	Elgin	Elgin	Wabasha	" 13, '75	J. W. Bryant	Harry Stephens	Peter Morgan	W. P. Holton	2 and 4 Sat.
116	Lafayette	Brownsdale	Mower	" 12, '76	George Foster	T. F. Bacon	W. H. Betts	J. N. Thatcher	1 and 3 Sat.
117	Granite	Granite Falls	Yellow Med.	" 12, '76	James K. Stone	Joseph F. Jenewein	G. Christopherson	Ole Hartwick	1 and 3 Tus.
118	Newport	Newport	Washington	" 12, '76	John D. Carroll	J. M. Trickey	H. J. Baily	H. A. Durand	
119	Delta	Marshall	Lyon	" 12, '76	O. E. Maxson	D. M. King	F. W. Sickler	S. N. Harrington	2 and 4 Wed.
121	Grand Meadow	Grand Meadow	Mower	" 12, '76	George W. Day	George A. Corell	Oliver J. Dickens	Munson O. Wilsie	2 and 4 Sat.
122	Kellogg	Kellogg	Wabasha	" 12, '76	M. K. Wolfe	Geo. Gentzkow	E. J. Parker	Charles Wilcox	2 and 4 Sat.
123	Prairie	Bloom'g Pr'rie	Steele	" 12, '76	Thomas S. Morton	Rich. H. Johnson	John Jorgenson	A. G. Ingersoll	2 and 4 Tus.
124	Janesville	Janesville	Waseca	" 12, '76	D. J. Dodge	E. S. Lieberg	M. A. Devereaux	L. D. Rogers	2 and 4 Wed.
125	Winslow Lewis	Osseo	Hennepin	" 10, '77	E. J. Storms	C. T. Wadsworth	Fred Biederman	Wm. Krueger	2 and 4 Ths.
126	Moorhead	Moorhead	Clay	" 10, '77	J. B. Auxer	A. T. Johnson	Ole Thorstenson	J. Pierce Wolf	1 and 3 Tus.
128	Josephus	Mapleton	Blue Earth	" 10, '77	James P. Emerson	James S. Taylor	Robert Little	Robert Sutherland	2 and 4 Wed.
129	Swift	Benson	Swift	" 10, '77	W. R. Smith	E. R. Aldrich	T. M. Stone	G. O. Thompson	2 and 4 Tus.
130	Arcturus	Red Wing	Goodhue	" 16, '78	J. D. Kellogg	S. C. Hill	A. J. Johnson	George M. Harlow	3 Wed.
131	Alma	Lyle	Mower	" 16, '78	S. S. Elliott	F. B. Losey	Olaf Dahl	E. L. Stanley	§
132	Humboldt	Y'ng America	Carver	" 16, '78	A. H. Ackermann	Chas. Hansen	O. A. Brandt	H. C. Ackermann	2 and 4 Sat.

133	Golden Sheaf	Morris	Stevens	Jan. 16, '78	W. B. Hancock	C. H. Leaman	E. B. Linsley	H. R. Spurr	1 and 3 Sat.
134	Cokato	Cokato	Wright	" 15, '79	Mercer Johnson	J. A. Stenberg	A. O. Norton	J. A. Mooers	2 and 4 Sat.
135	Nelson	Buffalo	Wright	" 15, '79	O. H. Bushnell	H. B. Griffing	E. E. Williams	Thomas Hellier	2 and 4 Mon.
136	Walnut	Walnut Grove	Redwood	" 15, '79	A. J. Griswold	A. Evans	S. S. Gale	F. F. Goff	1 and 3 Sat.
137	Appleton	Appleton	Swift	" 14, '80	J. R. Dow	Bernard Miller	C. W. Stanton	H. C. Maxwell	2 and 4 Sat.
138	Orion	Atwater	Kandiyohi	" 14, '80	James H. Strong	Nels J. Waten	John Tait	L. E. Covell	2 and 4 Sat.
139	Verndale	Verndale	Wadena	" 14, '80	Theo. Farrington	D. W. Seal	C. Dittmore	Ernist Proctor	1 and 3 Tus.
140	Little Falls	Little Falls	Morrison	" 14, '80	O. C. Trace	L. D. Brown	C. H. Brown	A. G. P. Lepper	1 and 3 Fri.
141	Crookston	Crookston	Polk	" 14, '80	Tom Morris	A. C. Cowing	W. G. Lytle	H. R. Robertson	2 and 4 Mon.
142	Currie	Currie	Murray	" 12, '81	Wm. H. Crowl	L. G. Gates	Wm. H. Mellen	Nell Currie	1 and 3 Sat.
143	Lake View	Ortonville	Big Stone	" 12, '81	Hayden French	Henry L. Zweiner	Benj. C. Trevette	W. R. Brown	1 and 3 Fri.
144	Bird Island	Bird Island	Renville	" 12, '81	H. H. Gokey	A. J. Richardson	A. J. Childs	B. H. Bowler	1 and 3 Sat.
145	Melrose	Melrose	Stearns	" 12, '81	W. B. Whitney	J. E. Campbell	H. C. Maguren	C. M. Parsons	1 and 3 Sat.
146	Benton	Lake Benton	Lincoln	" 12, '81	J. M. Addington	W. W. Bliven	Wm. Neale	Henry Potter	2 and 4 Fri.
147	Canby	Canby	Yellow Med'ne	" 11, '82	J. P. Lester	L. M. Lerwick	E. F. Wood	J. M. Hull	1 and 3 Sat.
148	Quarry	Pipestone	Pipestone	" 11, '82	Wm. McGillivray	George W. Nash	John W. Cook	Max Menzel	1 and 3 Mon.
149	Guardian	Brownton	McLeod	" 11, '82	A. H. Wilson	C. E. Butler	James Bohn	Alfred Jury	1 and 3 Wed.
150	Warren	Warren	Marshall	" 11, '82	W. N. Powell	J. A. Noyes	H. L. Wood	F. W. Flanders	1 and 3 Wed.
151	Chaska	Chaska	Carver	" 11, '82	W. C. Odell	Edmund Salter	C. A. Gehl	Howard M. Oerter	2 and 4 Wed.
152	Frontier	Breckenridge	Wilkin	" 10, '83	F. E. Kenaston	C. P. Fenstermaker	Louis Gewalt	E. H. Ellsworth	1 and 3 Tus.
153	Kodahya	Browns Valley	Traverse	" 10, '83	Theo. Harcum	A. W. Mitton	M. W. Green	H. W. Barrett	1 and 3 Tus.
154	Norman	Ada	Norman	" 10, '83	Peter Sharpe	P. J. Butler	A. G. Gerber	Nels Johnson, Jr.	2 and 4 Tus.
155	Tracy	Tracy	Lyon	" 10, '83	Fremont S. Brown	Fred P. Starr	Morris Workman	H. M. Workman	1 and 3 Wed.
156	Wadena	Wadena	Wadena	" 10, '83	John Dower	C. W. Miller	W. H. Ryan	A. R. Wiswell	1 and 3 Fri.
157	Perham	Perham	Otter Tail	" 16, '84	M. Poppler	S. Rasmusson	K. Johnson	L. E. Davison	2 and 4 Sat.
158	Hector	Hector	Renville	" 16, '84	H. A. Reed	H. B. Ostrander	Frank J. Hanson	Chas. J. Whitney	2 and 4 Sat.
159	Long Prairie	Long Prairie	Todd	" 14, '85	D. A. Tufts	F. Van Valkenberg	John Handy	George Williams	2 and 4 Fri.
160	Plymouth	Minneapolis	Hennepin	" 14, '85	Stephen P. Wright	Otto Lohff	George M. Bleecker	George W. Hall	1 and 3 Mon.
161	Sincerity	Villard	Pope	" 14, '85	W. R. Holly	James E. Stalker	Dana Hoyt	H. A. Perkins	1 and 3 Tus.
162	Prescott	Herman	Grant	" 14, '85	Rufus P. Wells	Wm. H. Townsend	Abel W. Wells	E. W. Snyder	2 and 4 Fri.
163	Summit	St. Paul	Ramsey	" 14, '85	Arch. C. Boyd	Chas. H. Goodrich	J. T. Christison	Robert B. Ware	2 and 4 Fri.
164	Jasper	Bush City	Chisago	" 13, '86	Chas. F. Jackson	John D. Hoar	J. Simon McDonald	James D. Markham	1 and 3 Sat.
165	Minnehaha	Minneapolis	Hennepin	" 13, '86	W. O. Clark	E. R. Williams	C. A. Tilbury	H. S. Goff	2 and 4 Tus.
166	Garnet	White Bear	Ramsey	" 13, '86	David Hanna	Thos. C. Fulton	Dean W. Leaman	John E. Extrand	2 and 4 Ths.
167	Agate	Campbell	Wilkin	" 13, '86	Wm. D. Cross	J. W. Drummond	Job W. Childs	Wm. H. Drummond	1 and 3 Wed.
168	Braden	St. Paul	Ramsey	" 13, '86	Alfred W. Jones	Charles W. Hill	Chas. B. Anderson	L. J. Hart	1 and 3 Ths.
169	Pierson	Barnesville	Clay	" 12, '87	Frank D. Bell	John F. Chase	Thomas Gunness	Guy Howard	1 and 3 Tus.
170	Fulda	Fulda	Murray	" 12, '87	H. P. Lewis	John R. Price	George Hanson	Emil King	1 and 3 Tus.
171	Shekinah	St. Paul	Ramsey	" 12, '88	V. J. Hawkins	Thos. Yould	C. S. Schurman	Edward L. Fales	1 and 3 Mon.
172	Marietta	Marietta	Lac qui Parle	" 12, '88	H. M. Griffin	H. M. Bell	C. P. Smith	C. J. Orton	2 and 4 Ths.
173	Plumb Line	Kimball Pr'ie	Stearns	" 12, '88	John W. Baker	Augustus Mumford	Wm. Driver	David B. Stanley	2 and 4 Sat.
174	Valley	Glenwood	Pope	" 12, '88	Carl L. Peterson	James Crozier	Wm. J. Wilson	Wm. F. Dougherty	1 and 3 Ths.
175	Roman Eagle	Adrian	Nobles	" 12, '88	Chas. C. May	William Becker	G. C. Eyland, Jr.	George Tinnes	1 and 3 Wed.
176	Ark	Minneapolis	Hennepin	" 12, '88	Charles Wilkins	Leon A. Cox	Wm. A. Elliott	Henry A. Hamlin	1 and 3 Mon.
177	Rough Ashler	Belle Plaine	Scott	" 12, '88	E. E. Chard	P. Bills	James McConnell	F. J. Whitlock	2 and 4 Wed.
178	Anchor	Royalton	Morrison	" 12, '88	G. A. Hollenbeck	Eugene A. Bowers	Jewett N. Carnes	E. A. Boutwell	2 and 4 Sat.
179	King David	Elmore	Faribault	" 17, '89	D. L. Owens	H. E. Stewart	Peter Anning	P. H. Williams	2 and 4 Sat.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—*Continued.*

Number	Lodge.	Location. Town.	Location. County.	Date of Charter.	Worshipful Master.	Senior Warden.	Junior Warden.	Secretary	Time of Meeting.
180	Osakis	Osakis	Douglas	Jan. 17, '89	George R. Babbitt.	Fred F. Sanderson.	S. M. Donaldson	Knute Swore	2 and 4 Sat.
181	Dalles	Cloquet	St. Louis	" 17, '89	F. P. Thompson	Leroy A. Fish	Henry G. Stevens.	Barton H. Hayes.	1 and 3 Ths.
182	Fair Haven	Annandale	Wright	" 16, '90	P. S. Rudolph	H. K. Kelley	W. S. Ives	W. D. McDonald	1 and 3 Sat.
184	Shell	Park Rapids	Hubbard	" 16, '90	Joseph W. Blood	L. H. Rice	B. C. Barrett	George D. Mandigo	1 and 3 Tus
185	Midway	St. Paul	Ramsey	" 16, '90	Charles N. Akers.	William H. Turner	John W. North	R. D. Bloomfield	2 and 4 Fri.
186	Ionic	Duluth	St. Louis	" 16, '90	F. W. Kugler	H. C. Hanford	P. H. Seymour	J. D. McFarlane	2 and 4 Mon.
187	Arcana	Minneapolis	Hennepin	" 16, '90	J. D. Tolman	Thos. F. Smith	Geo. L. Dingman	E. T. Schneider	2 and 4 Mon.
188	Fortitude	Two Harbors	Lake	" 16, '90	Frank Spurbeck	George Spurbeck	R. B. Green	W. B. Woodward	2 and 4 Wed.
189	Traverse	Wheaton	Traverse	" 15, '91	T. K. Mork	A. C. Barsley	Geo. E. Jackson	O. H. Helleksen	2 and 4 Tus.
190	Triune	St. Paul	Ramsey	" 15, '91	Joseph C. Henry	Chas. M. Benham.	B. J. Sturtevant	S. R. Loux	1 and 3 Tus.
191	Mizpah	South St. Paul	Dakota	" 15, '91	E. C. Shibley	W. P. Gee	Arthur D. Moe	A. D. S. Clark	**1 and 3 Tus.**
192	Crow River	Belgrade	Stearns	" 15, '91	C. J. Hanstrum	I. E. Peterson	R. A. Richmond	Geo. Ellingboe	1 and 3 Sat.
193	Amboy	Amboy	Blue Earth	" 15, '91	W. F. Stephens	A. W. Morris	J. D. Blanchard	Thos. Randall	1 and 3 Wed.
194	Canton	Canton	Fillmore	" 15, '91	J. W. Funk	M. C. Wilford	C. H. Marotz	W. H. Reed	2 and 4 Tus.
195	Renville	Renville	Renville	" 15, '91	S. F. Dusterhoft	A. E. Kinne	W. L. Pennell	S. M. McIntosh	1 and 3 Sat.
196	Geneva	Madison	Lac qui Parle	" 15, '91	Thomas Halvorson	C. D. Obricht	John P. Jacobs	Charles O. Hill	1 and 3 Tus.
197	Vermillion	Tower	St. Louis	" 15, '91	Wm. P. Chinn	George Vivian	George Kitto	Geo. A. Whitman	1 Tus.
198	Euclid	West Duluth	St. Louis	" 15, '91	D. Clint Prescott	L. A. Barnes	J. W. Bodilly	N. C. Kingsbury	1 and 3 Wed.
199	Murray	Slayton	Murray	" 15, '91	R. J. Henderson	Wm. B. Stine	V. H. Maxwell	Harry Morell	2 and 4 Sat.
200	Zenith	Springfield	Brown	" 14, '92	J. Westinghouse	Enos Dotson	Otis Fox	Geo. Olsen	1 and 3 Sat.
201	Kenyon	Kenyon	Goodhue	" 14, '92	John Holme	C. Clausen	N. C. Adams	A. A. McLaughlin.	1 and 3 Sat.
202	Venus	Dawson	Lac qui Parle	" 14, '92	W. H. Coons	C. W. Paige	C. H. Sullivan	S. A. Anderson, Jr.	2 and 4 Tus.
203	Stewartville	Stewartville	Olmsted	" 14, '92	E. G. Lenton	L. N. Wright	R. W. Whitney	A. C. Tichenor	2 and 4 Wed.
204	St. Elmo	Jasper	Pipestone	" 14, '92	Andrew Rae	Edward Burg	G. W. Vickerman	E. E. Parke	2 and 4 Ths.
205	Wayzata	Wayzata	Hennepin	" 12, '93	Wm. Bushnell	H. L. Boomhower.	James McIlvain	G. H. Flanders	1 and 3 Tus.
206	Fosston	Fosston	Polk	" 12, '93	A. Kaiser		J. Fogelberg	R. W. Hitchcock	2 and 4 Sat.
207	Crescent	Staples	Todd	" 12, '93	E. E. Daniels	D. E. Tull	I. N. Smith	John D. Marlin, Jr.	1 and 3 Ths.
208	Itasca	Grand Rapids	Itasca	" 12, '93	Ed. A. Kremer	Herbert D. Powers	Arthur A. Kremer	Arch. A. Carson	1 and 3 Fri.
209	Sibley	Winthrop	Sibley	" 11, '94	E. A. Campbell	H. A. Sauer	C. A. Benson	J. A. E. Johnson	1 and 3 Fri.
210	Columbian	Heron Lake	Jackson	" 11, '94	John F. Humiston	John L. Gessell	C. R. J. Kellam	James Findlay	2 and 4 Wed.
211	Friendship	Graceville	Big Stone	" 11, '94	C. N. Slawson	C. I. Gross	R. D. Alwery	Jacob Brynildsen	1 and 3 Wed.
212	Hallock	Hallock	Kittson	" 11, '94	Elmer C. Yetter	Nels P. Lundgren.	Ellif Ellis	James B. Muir	1 and 3 Tus.
213	Mystic	Aitkin	Aitkin	" 17, '95	Geo. T. Williams	James K. Wilson	John F. Knowles	Frank E. Seavey	1 and 3 Fri.
214	Evansville	Evansville	Douglas	" 17, '95	Ole Kron	Ole Dahlheim	P. J. Wrangelberg	E. H. Webb	2 and 4 Tus.
215	Argyle	Argyle	Marshall	" 17, '95	John W. McKay	James Foreman	Thorvald Morck	Carl P. Sutherland	1 and 3 Tus.
216	Florence	Wood Lake	Yellow Med.	" 16, '96	Charles H. Child.	Edwin M. Pool	Wm. F. Martin	Wm. Thos. Bush	1 and 3 Wed.
217	Capital City	St. Paul	Ramsey	" 16, '96	Edwin D. Trudgen	George H. Garner.	E. W. McCord	Charles Mitchell	1 and 3 Tus.
218	Griswold	Dassel	Meeker	" 16, '96	L. W. Leighton	E. E. McGrew	Louis Delong	B. E. Sherwin	1 and 3 Mon.
219	Mt. Hermon	Hancock	Stevens	" 14, '97	A. J. Erickson	Frank Wilcox	J. R. Holton	I. T. Tollifson	1 and 3 Mon.
220	Olivia	Olivia	Renville	" 14, '97	J. M. Peckinpaugh	Edgar E. Cook	Jas. E. Davenport	W. P. Christensen	
221	Equity	Cottonwood	Lyon	" 14, '97	S. H. Adams	Thos. McKinley	Jos. H. Catlin	A. T. Lundblad	2 and 4 Sat.

* Saturday preceding full moon.

‡ Wednesday in week moon fulls.

‖ Monday of week moon fulls.

¶ Tuesday on or before full moon.

APPENDIX C—ABSTRACTS OF LODGE RETURNS.

Number.	Name of Lodge.	Members Jan. 1, 1896.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Restored.	Joined.	Total Gain.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended or Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	Members Jan. 1, 1897.	Fees and Dues. For 1896	Fees and Dues. Paid Grand Secretary.	Dues Due Lodge.	Other Assets.	Liabilities.
1	St. Johns	171	9	9	11	....	3	14	2	....	....	3	5	180	$95.40	$95.40	$559.56	$200.00	$300.00
2	Cataract	354	6	6	6	4	4	14	7	....	....	2	9	359	155.20	155.20	400.00	4,000.00	1,950.00
3	St. Paul	317	8	9	11	....	4	15	6	23	....	2	31	301	142.40	142.40	1,000.00	41 423.92	....
4	Hennepin	520	9	7	7	....	4	11	11	22	....	14	47	486	212.20	212.20	1,000.00	5,000.00	100.00
5	Ancient Landmark	501	19	19	20	....	12	32	11	2	1	5	19	514	250.80	250.80	2,100.00	13,995.00	....
7	Dakota	106	8	5	3	....	1	4	3	1	....	3	7	103	54.80	54.80	129.00	84.00	....
8	Red Wing	96	4	4	5	....	4	9	2	....	....	1	3	102	49.40	49.40	121.75	2,707.40	62.15
9	Faribault	129	3	3	5	2	4	11	7	2	....	2	11	129	58.20	58.20	235.00	1,300.00	1,700.00
11	Mantorville	60	3	3	3	....	1	4	3	....	....	2	5	59	30.20	30.20	112.50	300.00	....
12	Mankato	128	5	6	7	....	6	13	....	....	....	1	1	140	68.80	68.80	150.00	*	....
14	Wapahasa	75	6	8	8	1	1	10	....	11	....	1	12	73	46.40	46.40	200.00	2,419.85	....
16	Monticello	67	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	....	....	....	2	68	30.60	30.60	160.00	5,200.00	750.00
17	Hokah	40	....	....	2	....	....	2	2	....	....	1	3	39	16 00	15.60	125.00	110.00	....
18	Winona	223	5	5	4	....	3	7	6	2	....	....	8	222	99.20	99.20	250.00	9,000.00	500 00
19	Minneapolis	803	30	28	29	1	22	52	16	6	....	10	32	823	395.40	395.40	1,245.00	20,473.56	....
20	Caledonia	50	1	....	3	....	....	3	1	....	....	1	2	51	22.40	22.40	206.00	565.00	45.00
21	Rochester	149	3	3	2	....	2	4	2	16	....	5	23	130	58.40	58.40	66.00	*	*
22	Pleasant Grove	46	8	9	10	....	....	10	2	....	Ex1	....	3	53	43.00	43.00	40.25	225.00	*
23	North Star	144	4	1	2	....	4	6	1	....	....	1	2	148	63.00	63.00	400.00	*	....
24	Wilton	23	2	1	1	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	2	27	13.60	....	....	100.61	10 00
26	Western Star	127	10	7	7	....	1	8	2	3	....	1	6	129	71.20	71.20	255.00	1,200.00	....
27	Blue Earth Valley	56	3	1	2	....	4	6	1	....	....	....	1	61	28.00	28.00	99.00	*	....
28	Clear Water	54	1	1	1	....	1	2	2	....	....	....	2	54	23.00	23.00	49.85	6 216.80	2 801.35
29	Morning Star	42	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	41	16.60	16.60	71.00	*	450.00
30	Anoka	156	3	4	4	1	....	5	1	....	....	3	4	157	71.40	71.40	286.00	1,500.00	....
31	King Hiram	38	....	1	1	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	1	38	16.80	16.80	105.00	400.00	....
32	Sakatah	77	4	3	2	1	3	6	2	....	....	1	3	80	37.40	37.00	150.00	500.00	....
33	Star in the East	98	5	4	5	1	3	9	3	1	....	....	4	103	51.60	51.60	490.00	1,556.67	....
34	Oriental	51	1	2	2	....	....	2	1	....	....	2	3	50	23.40	23.40	100.00	100.00	1,200.00
35	Mount Moriah	77	5	6	3	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	80	44.00	44.00	90.50	2,511.76	....
36	Preston	102	2	1	2	2	....	4	4	1	....	2	7	99	43.00	43.00	197.85	678.25	580.20
37	Mystic Tie	47	3	2	1	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	49	24.80	24.80	100.00	200.00	*
38	Washington	40	....	1	1	....	3	4	3	....	....	....	3	47	19.20	19.20	45.00	153.67	*

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39	Fidelity	171	6	6	6	.....	2	8	2	10	.....	6	18	161	79.20	79.20	295.00	360.00	.....
40	Carnelian	90	3	3	3	1	3	7	1	.....	.....	1	2	95	44.20	44.20	180.00	600.00	.....
41	Hermon	62	2	3	5	.....	.....	5	2	4	.....	.....	6	61	32.00	32.00	52.00	350.79	150.00
42	Hope	70	7	8	8	.....	1	9	4	.....	.....	3	7	72	48.20	48.20	350.00	1,850.00	.....
43	Harmony	51	2	2	2	1	.....	3	4	1	Ex1	1	7	47	22.80	22.80	66.00	275.00	.....
44	King Solomon	63	1	3	4	.....	1	5	3	.....	.....	2	5	63	31.20	31.20	150 00	*	*
45	Union	72	4	3	3	.....	2	5	1	.....	.....	1	2	75	36.80	36.40	180.00	700.00	55.00
46	Evergreen	33	3	3	3	.....	2	5	4	.....	.....	.....	4	34	20.20	20.20	66.00	300.00	255.00
47	Concord	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	3	32	12.00	12.00	*	*	*
48	Social	107	3	4	4	.....	3	7	5	2	.....	1	8	106	50.60	50.60	200.00	*	*
49	Rising Sun	128	4	4	5	.....	1	6	3	3	.....	.....	6	128	61.00	61.00	44.75	688.15	875.00
50	Watertown	32	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	2	31	14.20	14.20	410.00	648.90	.....
51	Acacia	39	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	38	15.60	15.60	100.00	.....	200.00
52	Cannon River	43	4	3	3	.....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	1	3	43	24.80	24.80	148.00	100.00	450 00
54	Nicollet	97	.....	.....	.....	1	3	4	3	.....	.....	3	6	95	36.40	36.40	413.00	600.00	.....
55	Zion	46	1	1	1	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	47	20.20	20.20	300.00	400.00	75.00
56	Meridian	162	9	9	10	.....	4	14	2	4	.....	3	9	167	88.00	88.00	170.00	4,000.00	.....
57	Blue Earth City	74	3	2	4	.....	5	9	2	5	.....	1	8	75	34.20	34.20	211.00	1,000.00	.....
58	Spring Valley	95	1	1	1	.....	3	4	4	19	.....	.....	23	76	31.00	31.00	95.50	500.00	.....
59	Temple	86	12	8	10	.....	8	18	1	7	.....	.....	8	96	61.20	61.20	270.00	450.00	80.00
60	Star in the West	85	.....	.....	1	2	.....	3	3	.....	.....	2	5	83	32.20	32.20	89.00	446.22	*
61	Ashler	62	3	3	3	.....	1	4	1	.....	.....	1	2	64	32.20	32.20	64.00	*	*
62	Star	44	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	19.80	19.80	120 00	494.58	.....
63	Illustrious	64	3	3	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	2	2	65	33.80	33.80	150.00	175.00	.....
64	Chain Lake	100	3	4	4	3	6	13	2	.....	.....	2	4	109	48.60	48.60	250.00	12,000.00	9,000.00
65	Golden Rule	23	2	2	4	.....	.....	4	.....	1	.....	1	2	25	15.60	15.60	78.50	264.90	*
66	Madelia	34	5	7	5	1	.....	6	1	.....	.....	.....	1	39	29.80	29.80	50.00	400.00	.....
67	Corinthian	45	3	2	1	.....	1	3	2	.....	.....	1	3	44	22.40	22.40	84.00	226.70	4.00
69	Mystic Star	56	3	3	3	.....	1	4	1	.....	.....	1	2	58	29.80	29.80	40.00	200.00	.....
71	Paynesville	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	3	1	.....	.....	4	55	20.80	20.80	92.00	475.00	.....
72	Lansing	28	2	2	2	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	17.20	17.20	53.80	.....	460.00
73	Brownsville	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	7.60	7.60	128 00	128.43	15.00
75	Eureka	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	56	22.00	22.00	103.00	1,700.00	750.00

76	Joppa	41	1	1	1			1	5			1	6	36	16.60	16.60	105.00	200.00	
77	Tuscan	95	4	3	2		2	4	2			2	4	95	44.00	44.60	200.00	650.00	
78	Mystic Circle	34	2	2	2			2				1	1	35	18.40	18.40	46.00	365.00	
79	Palestine	454	10	7	8	1	9	18	14			6	20	452	197.40	197.40	2 323.20	8,001.20	.70
80	Henderson	61							1			2	3	58	22.40	22.40	264.00	400.00	*
81	Constellation	66	4	3	3	1		4	2				2	68	34.80	34.80	238.75	661.80	
82	Howard	59	4	3	3	1	2	6	3				3	62	32.40	32.40	100.00	100.00	425.00
83	Huram Abi	73	3	3	2		1	3	2	2		2	6	70	34.80	34.80	51.00	500.00	
84	Orient	22	1	1	1			1						23	11.00	11.00	125.00	570.00	
85	High Forest	43	3	4	4	1	1	6	1				1	48	27.00	27.00	67.00	193.85	*
86	Tyrian	54	3	2	2			2						56	27.40	27.40	132.75		
87	Doric	42	1	3	3	2	1	6	3				3	45	21.80	21.80	55.00	300.00	
89	Golden Fleece	129	2	1	1			1	6			1	7	123	52.80	52.80	400.00	600.00	
90	Good Faith	45	2	2	2			2	1			1	2	45	23.20	23.20	101.00	300.00	
91	Antiquity	75					1	1				2	2	74	29.40	29.40	240.00	*	350.00
92	Fraternal	75	3	2	1		2	3	1				1	77	35.20	35.20	140.00	1,000.00	
93	Unity	50	1	2	2			2						52	25.60	25.00	245.00	50.00	
94	Keystone	57				1		1	2			1	3	55	20.80	20.80	113.00	968.40	
95	Sherburne	72	1	1	1		1	2				2	2	72	31.00	31.00	125.25	1,150.00	*
96	Libanus	58	5	5	5		1	6	4				4	60	36.60	36.60	215.00	196.24	68.50
97	Prudence	83	1	2	1		1	2	1			1	2	83	35.20	35.20	329.90	2,300.00	100.00
98	Charity	61	3	3	3			3	1	1		1	3	61	31.00	31.00	182.50	5,924.00	1,811.13
99	Corner Stone	107	5	5	6	1	1	8	5			1	6	109	55.40	55.40	100.00	500.00	100.00
100	Aurora	120	15	16	12	1	2	15	7	4		2	13	122	84.60	84.60	343.75	*	*
101	Fraternity	59	2	2	3	2	2	7	3	5		2	10	56	26.60	26.60	120.00	800.00	125.00
102	Lebanon	18				1		1	2				2	17	5.60	5.60	200.00		
103	Bethel	82	1	1	3			3						85	37.80	37.80	200.00	700.00	
104	Sharon	65	5	4	6			6	1			1	2	69	39.00	39.00	323.00	900.00	
106	Mt. Tabor	82	16	14	14		3	17	2	2		2	6	93	73.60	73.60	*	550.00	
108	Relief	80	6	5	3			3						83	45.60	45.60	246.00	414.90	*
109	Sunset	102	5	3	3		1	4	2	3	1		6	100	48.20	48.20	80.00	700.00	55.00
110	Pickwick	47												47	18.00	18.00	55.00	250.00	75.00
111	Carver	28					2	2						30	10.40	10 40	34.00	2,000.00	
112	Khurum	386	6	6	9		5	14	9		3	9	21	379	167.00	167.00	1,350.00	5,000.00	*
113	Excelsior	31	8	5	5	1	1	7	2				2	36	29.60	29.60	45.00	250.00	
114	Ben. Franklin	75	2	2	2	1	3	6	3	7		5	15	66	29.20	29.20	357.50	600.00	
115	Elgin	49	3	3	3			3	1	3			4	48	27.00	27.00	40.00	300.00	
116	Lafayette	56	2	2	2			2	1				1	57	28.00	28.00	64.00	*	*
117	Granite	56	1	1	1		1	2	3				3	55	23.40	23.40	139.40	*	*
118	Newport	52					2	2	1				1	53	20.00	20.00	38.00	600.00	
119	Delta	87	8	9	10		5	15	3		2	2	7	95	58.60	58.60	157.00	1,200.00	285 00
121	Grand Meadow	53	3	3	3		1	4	5				5	52	27.40	27.40	65.00	1,150.00	226.00
122	Kellogg	23	1	2	2			2						25	14.20	14.20	100.00	200.00	
123	Prairie	31					1	1				1	1	31	11.20	11.20	87.00	350.00	
124	Janesville	50	6	5	6		1	7	1				1	56	35.80	35.80	65.00	350 00	116.00
125	Winslow Lewis	53	3	2	2	1		3						56	27.80	27.80	229.00	2,061.20	1,500.00

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126	Moorhead	43	2	1	1	.....	2	3	.....	.....	Ex. 1	.....	1	45	20.00	20.00	290.00	500.00	75.00
128	Josephus	54	7	5	5	.....	1	6	.....	1	..	2	3	57	37.40	37.40	60.00	3,000.00	2,300.00
129	Swift	42	.....	1	2	1	.....	3	4	.....	.....	.....	4	41	17.40	17.40	443.90	136.64	....
130	Arcturus	33	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	15.40	15.40	131.00	732.00	.....
131	Alma	53	10	7	8	1	2	11	3	.....	.....	.....	3	61	44.20	44.20	31.00	425.00	....
132	Humboldt	33	2	2	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	19.20	19.20	42.00	300.00	.....
133	Golden Sheaf	84	6	5	7	.....	1	8	1	.....	.....	1	2	90	50.00	50.00	252.30	500.00	.....
134	Cokato	42	1	1	3	.....	.....	3	1	.....	Ex. 1	.....	2	43	20.20	20.20	156.00	582.00	....
135	Nelson	39	6	6	6	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	1	1	44	32.80	32.80	40 00	1,000.00	250.00
136	Walnut	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	9	3.60	3.60	12.00	*	*
137	Appleton	71	.....	1	1	.....	1	2	2	.....	.....	.....	2	71	29.20	29.20	118.00	1 000.00	....
138	Orion	46	8	7	7	.....	1	8	.....	3	.....	.....	3	51	38.80	38.80	30.00	400.00	.....
139	Verndale	29	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	11.60	11.60	196.00	15.00	*
140	Little Falls	91	3	2	1	.....	1	2	5	1	.....	1	7	86	39.60	39.60	119.00	600.00	330.30
141	Crookston	97	6	9	7	3	.....	10	5	5	.....	1	11	96	56 40	56.40	206.00	1,000.00	.....
142	Currie	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	6.80	6.80	143.00	196.70	....
143	Lakeview	58	8	5	5	2	1	8	2	4	Ex. 1	1	8	58	38.80	38.80	78.50	500.00	100.00
144	Bird Island	27	.....	.....	.....	1	2	3	2	.....	.....	.....	2	28	9.20	9.20	90.00	150.00	....
146	Benton	51	4	3	3	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	2	3	51	28.40	28.40	556.00	407.00	*
147	Canby	39	12	9	8	.....	1	9	1	3	.....	.....	4	44	43.00	43.00	16.00	360.00	.....
148	Quarry	71	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	2	.....	.....	.....	2	71	28.60	28.60	150.00	500.00	1,000.00
149	Guardian	36	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	5	.....	.....	5	32	13.40	13.40	75.00	267.00	.....
150	Warren	45	8	6	6	.....	1	7	1	.....	.....	.....	1	51	37.60	37.60	*	126 87	.....
151	Chaska	34	2	3	3	.....	.....	3	4	.....	.....	.....	4	33	19.60	19.60	190 00	150 00	.....
152	Frontier	58	1	1	1	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	1	1	59	25.80	25.80	353.00	230.36	.....
153	Kodahya	37	3	1	3	.....	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	21.80	21.80	160.00	600.00	50.00
154	Norman	31	3	3	5	.....	...	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	36	22.60	22 60	28.00	400.00	.....
155	Tracy	63	.....	2	1	1	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	2	63	27.00	27.00	97.50	500.00	73.71
156	Wadena	53	1	.....	.....	.....	2	2	2	3	.....	.....	5	50	20.20	20.20	*	*	137.50
157	Perham	40	.....	2	1	.....	.....	1	2	...	.....	.....	2	39	17.40	17.40	75.00	18.00	.....
158	Hector	28	2	3	4	.....	1	5	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	20.20	20.20	60.00	130.00	.....
159	Long Prairie	44	7	13	4	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	.....	1	47	40.40	40.40	50.00	450.00	121.47
160	Plymouth	155	10	10	10	.....	4	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	169	92.00	92.00	280.00	2,350.00	.....

161	Sincerity	25	6	4	3	.....	1	4	.....	1	.....	.....	1	28	21.80	21.80	40.75	.....	.....
162	Prescott	35	7	7	5	.....	1	6	4	.....	.....	.....	4	37	31.40	31.40	54.00	385.00	.....
163	Summit	240	7	7	7	.....	4	11	4	6	.....	1	11	240	112.20	112.20	1,285.00	2,000.00	.....
164	Jasper	60	4	4	5	.....	3	8	1	.....	.....	.....	1	67	35.80	35.80	100.00	3,000.00	900.00
165	Minnehaha	114	7	7	5	.....	2	7	3	.....	Ex1	1	5	116	62.60	62.60	447.75	1,147.63	.....
166	Garnet	44	4	4	6	.....	1	7	.....	.....	.....	1	1	50	30.40	30.40	90.00	700.00	.....
167	Agate	30	4	4	4	.....	.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1	33	23.60	23.60	100.00	200.00	50.00
168	Braden	92	5	6	6	.....	2	8	1	.....	.....	2	3	97	52.60	52.60	300.00	800.00	50.00
169	Pierson	60	7	6	6	1	2	9	3	.....	.....	1	4	65	40.20	40.20	112.25	1,100.00	25.00
170	Fulda	39	2	1	1	.....	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	40	19.20	19.20	69.00	290.00	.....
171	Shekinah	91	4	3	3	.....	1	4	3	.....	.....	.....	3	92	45.20	45.20	100.00	*	120.00
172	Marietta	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	16	5.60	5.60	83 00	90.00	.....
173	Plumb Line	34	1	1	1	.....	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	2	34	15.00	15.00	50.50	300.00	.....
174	Valley	28	1	1	1	.....	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	13.80	13.80	93.00	150.00	.....
175	Roman Eagle	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	33	13.20	13.20	69.00	280.00	145 00
176	Ark	219	13	13	12	.....	11	23	3	4	.....	1	8	234	122.40	122.40	507.50	2,634.12	*
177	Rough Ashler	17	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	17	6.00	6.00	*	*	*
178	Anchor	29	2	3	3	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	31	19.20	19.20	99.90	18 75	35 00
179	King David	37	2	3	3	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	39	21.60	21.60	117.00	35.00	80.00
180	Osakis	31	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	31	12.20	12.20	46.50	325.00	.....
181	Dalles	63	5	4	4	.....	1	5	.....	5	.....	1	6	62	35.80	35.80	290.00	750.00	.....
182	Fair Haven	40	2	2	2	.....	1	3	2	.....	.....	1	3	40	20.80	20.80	63.00	200.00	.....
184	Shell	45	4	3	3	2	2	7	2	.....	.....	2	4	48	26.40	26.40	64.15	415.00	.....
185	Midway	62	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	4	.....	.....	2	6	57	25.40	25.40	229.00	867.50	.....
186	Ionic	118	16	17	17	.....	3	20	1	.....	.....	2	3	135	95.20	95.20	516.00	*	.....
187	Arcana	74	6	5	6	.....	.....	6	3	1	.....	1	5	75	43.80	43.80	165.00	750.00	.....
188	Fortitude	46	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	3	.....	2	6	41	17.00	17.00	52.00	750.00	.....
189	Traverse	43	6	6	7	.....	1	8	2	.....	.....	.....	2	49	35.40	35.40	124.00	320.00	.....
190	Triune	72	7	5	6	1	1	8	.....	2	.....	.....	2	78	46.00	46.00	167.00	1,000.00	100.00
191	Mizpah	30	4	4	4	.....	.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	3	31	22.80	22.80	33.45	422.77	154.80
192	Crow River	18	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	17	8.80	8.80	36.50	40.12	*
193	Amboy	28	6	5	5	.....	.....	5	.....	3	.....	.....	3	30	26.00	26.00	80.00	50.00	25.00
194	Canton	57	5	7	8	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	42.00	42.00	71.75	100.00	.....
195	Renville	33	7	7	9	.....	.....	9	1	1	.....	.....	2	40	35.40	35.40	12.00	450.00	.....
196	Geneva	36	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	36	16.00	16.00	*	*	*
197	Vermillion	57	8	9	9	.....	.....	9	1	.....	.....	.....	1	65	48.40	48.40	130.00	690.00	200.00
198	Euclid	85	2	1	1	.....	1	2	5	.....	.....	1	6	81	34.80	34.80	768.70	446.52	667.56
199	Murray	34	3	4	4	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	1	37	24.20	24.20	152.00	175.00	.....
200	Zenith	56	7	7	8	.....	.....	8	1	.....	Ex1	1	3	61	43.20	43.20	80.00	.....	.....
201	Kenyon	28	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	26	10.60	10.60	10.00	2,500.00	1,000.00
202	Venus	17	4	2	2	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	18	14.40	14.40	25.00	300.00	150.00
203	Stewartville	43	3	2	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	25.20	25.20	*	*	*
204	St. Elmo	28	2	2	2	.....	.....	2	1	6	.....	.....	7	23	13.60	13.60	157.23	95.40	70.00
205	Wayzata	34	2	2	2	.....	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	1	36	19 20	19.20	136.00	300.00	.....
206	Fosston	21	5	5	3	.....	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	21.40	21.40	153.40	*	150.00
207	Crescent	43	6	8	6	.....	7	13	2	.....	.....	.....	2	54	36.40	36.40	18.50	500.00	.....

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208	Itasca	32	5	3	2	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	22.80	22.80	162.00	216.56	.....
209	Sibley	17	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	17	9.40	9.40	272.00	140.00	37.50
210	Columbian	20	1	1	2	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	21	11.60	11.60	9.00	171.00	150.00
211	Friendship	30	4	6	7	.....	4	11	.....	1	.....	.....	1	30	24.60	24.60	12.00	16.00	*
212	Hallock	18	7	5	5	.....	3	8	1	.....	.....	.....	1	25	23.80	23.80	35.00	283.00	.....
213	Mystic	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	9.20	9.20	4.50	125.00	20.00
214	Evansville	12	2	2	1	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	2	11	9.00	9.00	.....	.....	.....
215	Argyle	26	5	6	8	.....	3	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	29.40	29.40	20.00	700.00	525.00
216	Florence	20	9	6	6	.....	1	7	1	.....	.....	...	1	26	28.20	28.20	12.00	248.38	15.00
217	Capital City	33	5	5	5	.....	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	39	28.20	28.20	100.00	36.08	.....
218	Griswold	21	11	11	11	.....	1	12	1	.....	.....	.....	1	32	40.60	40.60	.....	222.30	.....
U D	Mt. Hermon (Hancock)	.....	3	3	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	3	9.00	9.00	.....	150.00	.....
U D	Olivia	.....	2	2	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	6.00	6.00	.....	76.00	76.00
U D	Equity (Cottonwood)	.....	3	3	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	8.00	8.00	.....	*	200.00
U D	Elysian	No work.																	
	Totals	15,135	776	745	761	57	285	1,103	373	239	15	183	810	15,428	$7,924.80	$7,910.00	$38,738.86	$236,489.75	$37,757.87

*Not reported.

APPENDIX D.

PAY ROLL, 1897.

GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID. (Receipt.)
J. F. Lawless, M. W. G. M.	.....	$6.00	$6.00	J. F. Lawless.
A. T. Stebbins, D. G. M.	$3.65	6.00	9.65	A. T. Stebbins.
A. Brandenburg, S. G. W.	7.50	6.00	13.50	A. Brandenburg.
Jno. H. Randall, J. G. W.	.20	6.00	6.20	J. H. Randall.
J. H. Thompson, G. Treas.	.20	6.00	6.20	J. H. Thompson
T. Montgomery, G. Sec.	.....	6.00	6.00	T. Montgomery.
L. R. Barto, G. Orator	4.70	6.00	10.70	L. R. Barto.
L. D. Boynton, G. Chaplain.	3.70	6.00	9.70	L. D. Boynton.
T. H. Warren, S. G. Deacon	.85	6.00	6.85	T. H. Warren.
M. McFadden, J. G. D.	5.50	6.00	11.50	M. McFadden.
Tom Morris, G. Marshal	11.70	6.00	17.70	Thos. Morris.
J. Q. Mackintosh, G. St. B.	.50	6.00	6.50	J. Q. Mackintosh.
H. R. Adams, S. G. Steward.	.20	6.00	6.20	H. R. Adams.
B. F. Thurber, J. G. Steward.	6.90	6.00	12.90	B. F. Thurber.
J. C. Fischer, G. Tyler.	.....	6.00	6.00	J. C. Fischer.
PERMANENT MEMBERS.				
C. W. Nash, P. G. M.	.20	6.00	6.20	C. W. Nash.
C. Griswold, P. G. M.	.....	6.00	6.00	C. Griswold.
E. W. Durant, P. G. M.	.85	6 00	6.85	E. W. Durant.
H. R. Wells, P. G. M.	6.00	6.00	12.00	H. R. Wells.
H. R. Denny, P. G. M.	.....	6.00	6.00	H. R. Denny.
R. H. Gove, P. G. M.	3.70	6.00	9 70	R. H. Gove.
A. Barto, P. G. M.	3.00	6.00	9.00	A. Barto.
W. F. Dickinson, P. G. M.	6.90	6.00	12.90	W. F. Dickinson.
C. L. Brown, P. G. M.	6.30	6.09	12.30	C. L. Brown.
Geo. H. Davis, P. D. G. M.	3.20	6.00	9.20	Geo. H. Davis.
C. L. West, P. D. G. M.	3.95	3.00	6.95	C. L. West.
Thos. J. Lombard, P. S. G. W.	1.35	6.00	7.35	Thos. J. Lombard.
S. E. Adams, P. S. G. W.	.20	6.00	6.20	S. E. Adams.
Edgar Nash, P. S. G. W.	.20	6.00	6.20	Edgar Nash.
C. D. Boyce, P. S. G. W.	.20	6.00	6.20	Chas. D. Boyce.
E. P. Barnum, P. J. G. W.	3.00	6.00	9.00	E. P. Barnum.
Wm. Lee, P. J. G. W.	.80	6.00	6.80	Wm. Lee.
H. C. Shepard, P. J. G. W.	4.05	6.00	10.05	H. C. Shepard.
W. B. Patton, P. J. G. W.	5.70	6.00	11.70	W. B. Patton.
J. D. Markham, P. J. G. W.	2.50	6.00	8.50	J. D. Markham.
COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.				
A. D. Countryman	6.20	12.00	18.20	A. D. Countryman.
R. C. Hine.	.....	6.00	6.00	R. C. Hine.
O. C. Hansen.	6.30	6.00	12.30	O. C. Hansen.
	$110.20	$231.00	$341.20	

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No.	Name of Lodge.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total Paid.	To Whom Paid.
1	St. Johns	$0.85	$6.00	$6.85	F. A. Lenox.
2	Cataract	.20	6.00	6.20	H. J. Putman.
3	St. Paul	.....	6.00	6.00	Edward McStay.
4	Hennepin	.20	6.00	6.20	R. T. McAdam.
5	Ancient Landmark	.....	6.00	6.00	J. D. Grant.
7	Dakota	.80	6.00	6.80	C. W. Munroe.
8	Red Wing	1.65	6.00	7.65	H. J. Herder.
9	Faribault	2.10	6.00	8.10	H. L. Luther.
11	Mantorville	2.95	6.00	8.95	J. M. F. Cooper.
12	Mankato	3.15	6.00	9.15	H. McMurtrie.
14	Wapahasa	2.80	6.00	8.80	M. W. Daby.
16	Monticello	2.90	6.00	8.90	M. J. Kingsbury.
17	Hokah	5.30	6.00	11 30	A. J. Snure.
18	Winona	4.05	6.00	10.05	O. M. Botsford.
19	Minneapolis	.20	6.00	6.20	H. D. Dickinson.
20	Caledonia	6.30	6.00	12.30	M. Emery.
21	Rochester	3.70	6.00	9.70	J. M. Rowley.
22	Pleasant Grove	8.00	6 00	14.00	O. H. Page.
23	North Star	3.00	6.00	9.00	D. T. Calhoun.
24	Wilton	3.05	6.00	9.05	Geo. Hofeld.
26	Western Star	4.35	6.00	10.35	J. S. Chapman.
27	Blue Earth Valley	4.70	6.00	10.70	J. H. Finch.
28	Clear Water	3.70	6.00	9.70	W. Davee.
29	Morning Star	5.05	6.00	11.05	Daniel W. Luther.
30	Anoka	1.15	6 00	7.15	H. O. Hilton.
31	King Hiram	1.30	6.00	7.30	D. R. Bristol.
32	Sakatah	2.60	6.00	8.60	H. E. Blair.
33	Star in the East	2.75	6.00	8.75	P. J. Rolfe.
34	Oriental	1.60	6.00	7.60	F. B. Seager.
35	Mount Moriah	.80	6.00	6.80	A. M. Adsit.
36	Preston	6.00	6.00	12.00	H. E. Wertz.
37	Mystic Tie	3.00	6.00	9.00	T. H. Bunn.
38	Washington	2.55	6.00	8.55	D. C. Gardner.
39	Fidelity	4.00	6.00	10.00	A. C. Page.
40	Carnelian	2.35	6.00	8.35	L. S. Lutz.
41	Hermon	2.70	6.00	8.70	E. Woodbury.
42	Hope	2.40	6.00	8.40	M. C. Tifft.
43	Harmony	6.00	6.00	12.00	L. J. Baldwin.
44	King Solomon	.75	6.00	6.75	J. H. Isenhour.
45	Union	2.20	6.00	8.20	E. F. Barrett.
46	Evergreen	6.40	6.00	12.40	S. L. Gaskill.
47	Concord	2.75	6.00	8.75	J. W. Chambers.
48	Social	1.55	6.00	7.55	H. L. Cruttenden.
49	Rising Sun	4.40	6.00	10.40	A. W. Mowbray.
50	Watertown	1.55	6.00	7.55	W. St. John.
51	Acacia	.30	6.00	6.30	A. H. Steen.
52	Cannon River	2.75	6.00	8.75	J. C. Temple.
54	Nicollet	2.75	6.00	8.75	W. H. Hall.
55	Zion	1.75	6.00	7.75	Ed. H. Folsom.
56	Meridian	4.70	6.00	10.70	J. Chermak.
57	Blue Earth City	5.10	6.00	11.10	J. H. Sprout.
58	Spring Valley	5.10	6.00	11.10	B. F. Farmer.
59	Temple	2.75	6.00	8.75	W. W. Sivright.
60	Star in the West	4.70	6.00	10.70	C. S. Allen.
61	Ashler	4 20	6.00	10.20	Geo. L. Wood.
62	Star	2.10	6.00	8.10	D. R. Thompson.
63	Illustrious	4.80	6.00	10.80	F. A. Wells.
64	Chain Lake	7.85	6.00	13.85	Valentine Wohlhuter.
65	Golden Rule	1.35	6.00	7.35	Frank Jackson.
66	Madelia	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. E. Haycraft.
67	Corinthian	1.10	6.00	7.10	C. O. Wescott.
69	Mystic Star	5.45	6.00	11.45	W. F. Drake.
71	Paynesville	3.70	6.00	9.70	H. A. Wells.
72	Lansing	3.90	6.00	9.90	S. C. Seavey.
73	Brownsville	1.60	6.00	7.60	E. M. Winslow.
75	Eureka	4.55	6.00	10.55	Geo. W. Palmer.
76	Joppa	4.00	6.00	10.00	L. Cook.
77	Tuscan	3.10	6.00	9.10	Chas. M. Hawkes.
78	Mystic Circle	6.25	6.00	12.25	Peter Hansen.
79	Palestine	5.70	6.00	11.70	W. B. Patton.

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No.	Name of Lodge.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total Paid.	To Whom Paid.
80	Henderson	$2.05	$6.00	$8.05	A. L. Poehler.
81	Constellation	5.65	6.00	11.65	W. B. Mitson.
82	Howard	1.85	6.00	7.85	E. H. Learned.
83	Huram Abi	3.10	6.00	9.10	C. L. Chambers.
84	Orient	5.00	6.00	11.00	Chas. Tiffany.
85	High Forest	5.10	6.00	11.10	V. C. Dickey.
86	Tyrian	3.50	6.00	9.50	J. B. Gregoire.
87	Doric	5.45	6.00	11.45	J. A. Johnson.
89	Golden Fleece	2.90	6.00	8.90	P. Berens.
90	Good Faith	6.30	6.00	12.30	W. C. Portmann.
91	Antiquity	4.60	6.00	10.60	W. R. Caswell.
92	Fraternal	2.40	6.00	8.40	C. A. Jack.
93	Unity	3.00	6.00	9.00	F. N. Sartell.
94	Keystone	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. R. L. Hanson.
95	Sherburne	1.95	6.00	7.95	W. G. Merrifield.
96	Libanus	4.85	6.00	10.85	G. W. Hiles.
97	Prudence	5.70	6.00	11.70	Frank Stedman.
98	Charity	3.55	6.00	9.55	C. W. Heimann.
99	Corner Stone	7.50	6.00	13.50	John T. Johnson.
100	Aurora	5.15	6.00	11.15	F. B. Johnson.
101	Fraternity	6.90	6.00	12.90	H. E. Torrance.
102	Lebanon	.....	5.60	5.60	W. W. Wall.
103	Bethel	3.70	6.00	9.70	John W. Williams.
104	Sharon	4.10	6.00	10.10	Olof Olson.
106	Mt. Tabor	8.15	6.00	14.15	E. D. Holmes.
108	Relief	2.90	6.00	8.90	G. W. Ballard.
109	Sunset	5.75	6.00	11.75	R. S. Bacon.
110	Pickwick	4.30	6.00	10.30	E. B. Huffman.
111	Carver	1.10	6.00	7.10	Geo. C. E. Goetze.
112	Khurum	.20	6.00	6.20	D. W. Knowlton.
113	Excelsior	1.60	6.00	7.60	W. B. Mason.
114	Ben. Franklin	8.15	6.00	14.15	J. A. Kennecott.
115	Elgin	5.05	6.00	11.05	J. W. Bryant.
116	Lafayette	4.10	6.00	10.10	A. E. Warren.
117	Granite	4.80	6.00	10.80	J. K. Stone.
118	Newport	30	6.00	6.30	J. D. Carroll.
119	Delta	6.00	6.00	12.00	O. E. Maxson.
121	Grand Meadow	5.10	6.00	11.10	G. W. Day.
122	Kellogg	3.05	6.00	9.05	M. K. Wolfe.
124	Janesville	3.70	6.00	9.70	D. J. Dodge.
125	Winslow Lewis	1.40	6.00	7.40	E. J. Storms.
126	Moorhead	14.00	6.00	20.00	J. B. Auxer.
128	Josephus	3.20	6.00	9.20	J. P. Emerson.
129	Swift	5.30	6.00	11.30	W. R. Smith.
130	Arcturus	1.60	6.00	7.60	J. D. Kellogg.
131	Alma	4.40	6.00	10.40	F. B. Losey.
132	Humboldt	2.00	6.00	8.00	A. H. Ackermann.
133	Golden Sheaf	6.30	6.00	12.30	W. B. Hancock.
134	Cokato	2.35	6.00	8.35	M. Johnson.
135	Nelson	1.85	6.00	7.85	O. H. Bushnell.
137	Appleton	6.20	6.00	12.20	J. R. Dow.
138	Orion	3.60	6.00	9.60	Jas. H. Strong.
139	Verndale	5.60	6.00	11.60	C. Dittmore.
140	Little Falls	4.30	6.00	10.30	O. C. Trace.
141	Crookston	12.00	6.00	18.00	A. C. Cowing.
143	Lakeview	7.15	6.00	13.15	P. H. Foote.
144	Bird Island	3.20	6.00	9.20	H. H. Gokey.
146	Benton	7.95	6.00	13 95	J. M. Addington.
147	Canby	7.20	6.00	13.20	J. P. Lester.
148	Quarry	7.65	6.00	13.65	Wm. McGillivray.
149	Guardian	3.15	6.00	9.15	A. H. Wilson.
150	Warren	12.90	6.00	18.90	W. N. Powell.
152	Frontier	.....	6.00	6.00	Geo. L. Bonney.
153	Kodahya	8.20	6.00	14.20	A. S. Crossfield.
154	Norman	10.60	6.00	16.60	Peter Sharpe.
155	Tracy	5.95	6.00	11.95	F. S. Brown.
156	Wadena	6.35	6.00	12 35	John Dower.
157	Perham	7.00	6.00	13.00	M. Poppler.
158	Hector	3.60	6.00	9.60	H. A. Reed.
159	Long Prairie	6.10	6.00	12.10	D. A. Tufts.

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No.	Name of Lodge.	Mileage	Per Diem.	Total Paid.	To Whom Paid.
160	Plymouth	$0.20	$6.00	$6.20	Stephen P. Wright.
161	Sincerity	5.30	6.00	11.30	W. R. Holly.
162	Prescott	6.75	6.00	12.75	R. P. Wells.
163	Summit	.....	6.00	6.00	C. F. F. Abbott, for W. M.
164	Jasper	2.25	6.00	8.25	J. D. Hoar.
165	Minnehaha	.20	6.00	6.20	W. O. Clark.
166	Garnet	.50	6.00	6.50	David Hanna.
168	Braden	.....	6.00	6.00	Alfred W. Jones.
169	Pierson	8.75	6.00	14.75	T. Gunness.
170	Fulda	6.75	6.00	12.75	Geo. Hanson.
171	Shekinah	.....	6.00	.....	V. J. Hawkins.
172	Marietta	.....	5.60	5.60	H. N. Griffin.
173	Plumb Line	2.90	6.00	8.90	J. W. Baker.
174	Valley	5.20	6.00	11.20	C. L. Peterson.
175	Roman Eagle	7.20	6.00	13.20	C. C. May.
176	Ark	.20	6.00	6.20	Chas. Wilkins.
177	Rough Ashler	.....	6.00	6.00	P. Bills.
178	Anchor	3.85	6.00	9.85	G. A. Hollenbeck.
179	King David	5.45	6.00	11.45	H. E. Stewart.
180	Osakis	5.20	6.00	11.20	G. R. Babbett.
181	Dalles	5.60	6.00	11.60	F. P. Thompson.
182	Fair Haven	2.50	6.00	8.50	P. S. Rudolph.
184	Shell	7.75	6.00	13.75	J. W. Blood.
185	Midway	.....	6.00	6.00	Chas. N. Akers.
186	Ionic	5.70	6.00	11.70	F. W. Kugler.
187	Arcana	.20	6.00	6.20	J. D. Tolman.
189	Traverse	8.20	6.00	14.20	T. K. Mork.
190	Triune	.....	6.00	6.00	J. C. Henry.
191	Mizpah	.....	6.00	6.00	E. C. Shibley.
192	Crow River	2.80	6.00	8.80	I. E. Peterson.
194	Canton	7.40	6.00	13.40	J. W. Funk.
195	Renville	4.60	6.00	10.60	S. F. Dusterhoft.
196	Geneva	6.50	6.00	12.50	C. D. Obrecht.
197	Vermillion	12.45	6.00	18.45	W. N. Shepherd.
198	Euclid	5.80	6.00	11.80	L. A. Barnes.
199	Murray	7.20	6.00	13.20	R. J. Henderson.
201	Kenyon	2.15	6 00	8.15	J. Holms.
202	Venus	6.50	6.00	12.50	W. H. Coons.
203	Stewartville	6.40	6.00	12.40	R. W. Whitney.
204	St. Elmo	7.60	6.00	13.60	Andrew Rae.
205	Wayzata	1.00	6.00	7.00	Wm. Bushnell.
206	Fosston	12.70	6.00	18.70	S. S. Stadsvold.
207	Crescent	5.50	6.00	11.50	E. E. Daniels.
208	Itasca	8.40	6.00	14.40	A. Kremer.
209	Sibley	3.20	6.00	9.20	E. A. Campbell.
210	Columbian	5.60	6.00	11.60	C. R. J. Kellam.
211	Friendship	7.35	6.00	13.35	C. N. Slawson.
212	Hallock	14.55	6.00	20.55	Elmer C. Yetter.
213	Mystic	3.20	6.00	9.20	J. R. Wilson.
214	Evansville	3.00	6.00	9.00	O. Kron.
215	Argyle	13.35	6.00	19.35	J. W. McKay.
216	Florence	5.20	6.00	11.20	Wm. McKay.
217	Capital City	.....	6.00	6.00	E. D. Trudgen.
218	Griswold	2.60	6.00	8.60	L. W. Leighton.
	Totals	$918.15	$1,388.20	$2,306.35	

APPENDIX E.

NAMES OF LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.
Ancient Landmark	5	Golden Fleece	89	Oriental	34
Anoka	30	Good Faith	90	Orient	84
Acacia	51	Granite	117	Orion	138
Ashler	61	Grand Meadow	121	Osakis	180
Antiquity	91	Griswold	218	Pleasant Grove	22
Aurora	100	Golden Sheaf	133	Preston	36
Arcturus	130	Guardian	149	Paynesville	71
Alma	131	Garnet	166	Palestine	79
Appleton	137	Geneva	196	Prudence	97
Agate	167	Hennepin	4	Pickwick	110
Ark	176	Hokah	17	Prairie	123
Anchor	178	Hermon	41	Perham	157
Arcana	187	Hope	42	Plymouth	160
Amboy	193	Harmony	43	Prescott	162
Argyle	215	Henderson	80	Pierson	169
Blue Earth Valley	27	Howard	82	Plumb Line	173
Blue Earth City	57	Huram Abi	83	Quarry	148
Brownsville	73	High Forest	85	Red Wing	8
Bethel	103	Humboldt	132	Rochester	21
Ben Franklin	114	Hector	158	Rising Sun	49
Bird Island	144	Hallock	212	Relief	108
Benton	146	Illustrious	63	Roman Eagle	175
Braden	168	Ionic	186	Rough Ashler	177
Cataract	2	Itasca	208	Renville	195
Caledonia	20	Joppa	76	St. Johns	1
Clear Water	28	Janesville	124	St. Paul	3
Carnelian	40	Josephus	128	Sakatah	32
Concord	47	Jasper	164	Star in the East	33
Cannon River	52	King Hiram	31	Social	48
Chain Lake	64	King Solomon	44	Spring Valley	58
Corinthian	67	Keystone	94	Star in the West	60
Constellation	81	Khurum	112	Star	62
Charity	98	Kellogg	122	Sherburne	95
Corner Stone	99	Kodahya	153	Sharon	104
Capital City	217	King David	179	Sunset	109
Carver	111	Kenyon	201	Swift	129
Cokato	134	Lansing	72	Sincerity	161
Crookston	141	Libanus	96	Summit	163
Currie	142	Lebanon	102	Shekinah	171
Canby	147	Lafayette	116	Shell	184
Chaska	151	Lakeview	143	Stewartville	203
Crow River	192	Little Falls	140	St. Elmo	204
Canton	194	Long Prairie	159	Sibley	209
Crescent	207	Mantorville	11	Temple	59
Columbian	210	Mankato	12	Tuscan	77
Dakota	7	Monticello	16	Tyrian	86
Doric	87	Minneapolis	19	Tracy	155
Delta	119	Morning Star	29	Traverse	189
Dalles	181	Mount Hermon	219	Triune	190
Evergreen	46	Mount Moriah	35	Union	45
Eureka	75	Mystic Tie	37	Unity	93
Excelsior	113	Melrose	145	Venus	202
Elgin	115	Meridian	56	Verndale	139
Elysian	U. D.	Madelia	66	Valley	174
Equity	221	Mystic Star	69	Vermillion	197
Euclid	198	Mystic Circle	78	Wapahasa	14
Evansville	214	Mount Tabor	106	Winona	18
Faribault	9	Moorhead	126	Wilton	24
Fidelity	39	Minnehaha	165	Western Star	26
Florence	216	Marietta	172	Washington	38
Fraternal	92	Midway	185	Watertown	50
Fraternity	101	Mizpah	191	Winslow Lewis	125
Frontier	152	Murray	198	Walnut	136
Fulda	170	North Star	23	Warren	150
Fair Haven	182	Nicollet	54	Wadena	156
Fortitude	188	Newport	118	Wayzata	205
Fosston	206	Nelson	135	Zion	55
Friendship	211	Norman	154	Zenith	200
Golden Rule	65	Olivia	220		

APPENDIX F.

LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

Location.	Lodge.	No.	Location.	Lodge.	No.
Ada	Norman	154	Good Thunder	Joppa	76
Adrian	Roman Eagle	175	Graceville	Friendship	211
Aitkin	Mystic	213	Grand Meadow	Grand Meadow	121
Albert Lea	Western Star	26	Grand Rapids	Itasca	208
Alexandria	Constellation	81	Granite Falls	Granite	117
Alma City	Wilton	24	Hallock	Hallock	212
Amboy	Amboy	193	Hancock	Mt. Hermon	219
Annandale	Fair Haven	182	Hastings	Dakota	7
Anoka	Anoka	30	Hastings	Mt. Moriah	35
Appleton	Appleton	137	Hector	Hector	158
Argyle	Argyle	215	Henderson	Henderson	80
Atwater	Orion	138	Herman	Prescott	162
Austin	Fidelity	39	Heron Lake	Columbian	210
Barnesville	Pierson	169	High Forest	High Forest	85
Belgrade	Crow River	192	Hokah	Hokah	17
Belle Plaine	Rough Ashler	177	Houston	Mystic Circle	78
Benson	Swift	129	Howard Lake	Howard	82
Bird Island	Bird Island	144	Hutchinson	Temple	59
Blooming Prairie	Prairie	123	Jackson	Good Faith	90
Blue Earth City	Blue Earth City	57	Janesville	Janesville	124
Brainerd	Aurora	100	Jasper	St. Elmo	204
Breckenridge	Frontier	152	Jordan	King Hiram	31
Browns Valley	Kodahya	153	Kasson	Huram Abi	83
Brownsville	Brownsville	73	Kellogg	Kellogg	122
Brownsdale	Lafayette	116	Kenyon	Kenyon	201
Brownton	Guardian	149	Kimball Prairie	Plumb Line	173
Buffalo	Nelson	135	La Crescent	Morning Star	29
Caledonia	Caledonia	20	Lake Benton	Benton	146
Campbell	Agate	167	Lake City	Carnelian	47
Canby	Canby	147	Lake Crystal	Bethel	103
Cannon Falls	Oriental	34	Lakeland	Golden Rule	65
Canton	Canton	194	Lanesboro	Lebanon	102
Carver	Carver	111	Lansing	Lansing	72
Chaska	Chaska	151	Le Roy	Eureka	75
Chatfield	Meridian	56	Le Sueur	Union	45
Clear Water	Clear Water	28	Lewiston	Harmony	43
Cleveland	Concord	47	Litchfield	Golden Fleece	89
Cloquet	Dalles	181	Little Falls	Little Falls	140
Clyde	Evergreen	46	Long Prairie	Long Prairie	159
Cokato	Cokato	134	Luverne	Ben Franklin	114
Cottage Grove	Acacia	51	Lyle	Alma	131
Cottonwood	Equity	221	Madelia	Madelia	66
Crookston	Crookston	141	Madison	Geneva	196
Currie	Currie	142	Mankato	Mankato	12
Dassel	Griswold	218	Mantorville	Mantorville	11
Dawson	Venus	201	Marietta	Marietta	172
Detroit	Mt. Tabor	106	Marshall	Delta	119
Dodge Centre	Relief	108	Mapleton	Josephus	128
Duluth	Palestine	79	Mazeppa	Tyrian	86
Duluth	Ionic	186	Melrose	Melrose	145
Elgin	Elgin	115	Minneapolis	Cataract	2
Elk River	Sherburne	95	Minneapolis	Hennepin	4
Elmore	King David	179	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	19
Elysian	Elysian	U. D.	Minneapolis	Khurum	112
Evansville	Evansville	214	Minneapolis	Plymouth	160
Excelsior	Excelsior	113	Minneapolis	Minnehaha	165
Eyota	Ashler	61	Minneapolis	Ark	176
Fairmont	Chain Lake	64	Minneapolis	Arcana	187
Faribault	Faribault	9	Money Creek	Orient	84
Farmington	Corinthian	67	Montevideo	Sunset	109
Fergus Falls	Corner Stone	99	Monticello	Monticello	16
Fosston	Fosston	206	Moorhead	Moorhead	126
Fulda	Fulda	170	Morris	Golden Sheaf	133
Glencoe	Hope	42	Morristown	Cannon River	52
Glenwood	Valley	174	Newport	Newport	118

APPENDIX F.—*Continued.*

Location of Lodges in Alphabetical Order.

Location.	Lodge.	No.	Location.	Lodge.	No.
New Ulm	Charity	98	St. James	Libanus	96
Northfield	Social	48	St. Paul	St. Paul	3
Olivia	Olivia	220	St. Paul	Ancient Landmark	5
Ortonville	Lakeview	143	St. Paul	Summit	163
Osakis	Osakis	180	St. Paul	Braden	168
Osseo	Winslow Lewis	125	St. Paul	Shekinah	171
Owatonna	Star in the East	33	St. Paul	Midway	185
Park Rapids	Shell	184	St. Paul	Triune	190
Paynesville	Paynesville	71	St. Paul	Capital City	217
Perham	Perham	157	St. Peter	Nicollet	54
Pickwick	Pickwick	110	Taylors Falls	Zion	55
Pine Island	Mystic Tie	37	Tower	Vermillion	197
Pipestone	Quarry	148	Tracy	Tracy	155
Plainview	Illustrious	63	Two Harbors	Fortitude	188
Pleasant Grove	Pleasant Grove	22	Verndale	Verndale	139
Preston	Preston	36	Villard	Sincerity	161
Princeton	Fraternal	92	Wabasha	Wapahasa	14
Red Wing	Red Wing	8	Wadena	Wadena	156
Red Wing	Arcturus	130	Walnut Grove	Walnut	136
Redwood Falls	Antiquity	91	Warren	Warren	150
Renville	Renville	195	Waseca	Tuscan	77
Rochester	Rochester	21	Watertown	Watertown	50
Rockford	Star	62	Waterville	Sakatah	32
Royalton	Anchor	178	Wayzata	Wayzata	205
Rush City	Jasper	164	Wells	Doric	87
Rushford	Mystic Star	69	West Concord	Washington	38
Sauk Centre	Star in the West	60	West Duluth	Euclid	168
Sauk Rapids	Unity	93	Wheaton	Traverse	189
Shakopee	King Solomon	44	White Bear	Garnet	166
Slayton	Murray	199	Willmar	Sharon	104
Sleepy Eye	Keystone	94	Windom	Prudence	97
South St. Paul	Mizpah	191	Winnebago City	Blue Earth Valley	27
Springfield	Zenith	200	Winona	Winona	18
Spring Valley	Spring Valley	58	Winthrop	Sibley	209
Staples	Crescent	207	Wood Lake	Florence	216
Stewartville	Stewartville	208	Worthington	Fraternity	101
Stillwater	St. Johns	1	Young America	Humboldt	132
St. Charles	Rising Sun	49	Zumbrota	Hermon	41
St. Cloud	North Star	23			

In Memory of

R.·. W.·. Brother Christopher H. Smith,

Junior Grand Warden in 1884,
Born, July 14, 1834, at Weston, Vt. Died, June 18, 1896,
at St. Paul, Minn.

R.·. W.·. Alonzo Jay Edgerton,

Junior Grand Warden in 1876,
Born, June 7, 1827, at Rome, N. Y. Died, August 9, 1896,
at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Brother George B. Upham,

Of Sherburne Lodge, No. 95,
Killed by railroad train, June 9, 1896.
A zealous Mason for 48 years.

"Fast as the rolling seasons bring
The hour of fate to those we love,
Each pearl that leaves the broken string
Is set in friendship's crown above."

In Memory of

the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

Albert J. Russell,
Past Grand Master of Florida, died Jan. 17, 1896.

George Enoch Dowling,
Past Grand Master of Michigan, died March 30, 1896.

John E. Jones,
Past Grand Master or Nevada, died April 19, 1896.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, died May 7, 1896.

Edward B. Rowe,
Past Grand Master of Connecticut, died June 1, 1896

Asa H. Battin,
Past Grand Master of Ohio, died June 3, 1896.

Webster D. Anthony,
Past Grand Master of Colorado, died June 22, 1896.

Joseph M. Anderson,
Past Grand Master of Tennessee, died July 14, 1896.

Owen A. Bassett,
Past Grand Master of Kansas, died July 19, 1896.

Alexander McGregor.
Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Michigan for twenty-four years, died Aug. 2, 1896.

Benjamin Wilson Higgs.
Past Grand Secretary of Prince Edward Island, died Aug 16, 1896.

Frederick Kramer,
Past Grand Treasurer, Arkansas, died Sept. 8, 1896.

Rufus Claghorn Hathaway,
Past Grand Master of Michigan, died Dec. 9, 1896.

APPENDIX.

IN MEMORY OF DECEASED BRETHREN.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Name of Member.	Date.
1	St. Johns.....	James Keefe.....	Jan. 22, 1896
		John Green.....	Mar. 14, 1896
		Joseph McPhetres.....	June 22, 1896
2	Cataract.....	William M. Barrows.....	June 28, 1896
		Henry Lanty.....	July 30, 1896
3	St. Paul.....	J. M. Rohrer.....	Aug. 14, 1896
		Henry Koster.....	Oct. 30, 1896
4	Hennepin	Jacob Jenmy.....	Jan. 22, 1896
		R. J. Peterson.....	Apr. 27, 1896
		C. E. Jennings.....	Apr. 8, 1896
		U. R. Thompson.....	July 18, 1896
		Frank Plummer.....	Aug. 3, 1896
		Lott McKinnon.....	Aug. 10, 1896
		W. A. Miller.....	Sept. 10, 1896
		Theo. Gill.....	Sept. 22, 1896
		Daniel Day.....	Sept. 27, 1896
		E. R. Davis.....	——— —, 1896
		C. F. Maire.....	——— —, 1896
		Frank Brall.....	——— —, 1896
		A. D. Onion.....	Nov. 15, 1896
		J. M. Varney.....	Nov. 25, 1896
5	Ancient Landm'k.	Chas. H. Hinman.....	May 19, 1895
		David Day.....	Mar. 8, 1896
		Andrew N. Nelson.....	May 24, 1896
		O. C. Houghton.....	Sept. 14, 1896
		Wm. Rodger.....	Nov. 11, 1896
7	Dakota.....	R. J. Marvin.....	May 1, 1896
		W. F. Mecks.....	July 1, 1896
		Frank E. Bradbury.....	Oct. 8, 1896
8	Red Wing.....	Geo. Shakespeare.....	Apr. 1, 1896
9	Faribault	Geo. W. Wood.....	Jan. 5, 1896
		Thomas Carpenter.....	May 6, 1896
11	Mantorville.....	Alonzo J. Edgerton.....	Aug. 9, 1896
		Herod Shober.....	Feb. 11, 1896
12	Mankato	Henry R. Barnard.....	Jan. 23, 1896
14	Wapahasa	J. H. Lokey.....	Aug. 5, 1896
17	Hokah	L. S. Keeber.....	Feb. 14, 1896
19	Minneapolis	E. L. Austin.....	Jan. 30, 1896
		Richard Horgan.....	Feb. 2, 1896
		Geo. A. Scott.....	Sept. 20, 1896

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No.	Name of Lodge.	Name of Member.	Date.
19	Minneapolis.....	Isaac Kerr.....	Apr. 23, 1896
		W. S. Crandall.....	Oct. 21, 1896
		Lewis M. Anderson.....	Dec. 11, 1896
		Adolph F. Dahlberg.....	Apr. 12, 1896
		Harry C. Lang.....	Oct. 3, 1896
		C. C. Scott.....	Sept. 11, 1896
		Geo. W. Crane.....	June 24, 1896
20	Caledonia	Hudson Wheaton.....	Apr. 9, 1896
21	Rochester	Jacob F. Reuber.....	Mar. 31, 1896
		George Healy.....	Aug. 10, 1896
		John E. Crane.....	Sept. —, 1896
		Wm. N. McLard.....	Oct. —, 1896
		J. Frank Weed.....	Dec. 19, 1896
23	St. Cloud.....	John Vandersluis.....	May 21, 1896
26	Western Star..	Sydney Buchanan.....	Feb. 10, 1896
29	Morning Star....	Joseph Kneesel.....	May 29, 1896
30	Anoka	Edwin Quint Haskell.....	June 10, 1896
		Elisha Eddy.....	Sept. 19, 1896
		Daniel I. King.....	Oct. 9, 1896
32	Waterville	Geo. A. Blair.....	Aug. 21, 1896
34	Oriental	John Barr.....	Jan. 7, 1896
		Charles Parks.....	Nov. 26, 1896
36	Preston	O. D. Hicks.....	May 12, 1896
		N. D. Wagoner.....	Sept. 28, 1896
39	Fidelity	John Hay.....	Mar. —, 1893
		E. R. Earl.....	Mar. 11, 1896
		C. H. Huntington.....	May 18, 1896
		Joseph Adams.....	July 30, 1896
		D. B. Smith.....	Sept. 30, 1896
		C. J. Miller.....	Nov. 8, 1896
40	Carnelian	Auburn Estes.....	——— —, 1896
42	Hope	Stephen Raymond.....	Jan. 22, 1896
		Frank Wachholz.....	May 22, 1896
		Joseph Rogers.....	June 24, 1896
43	Harmony	A. D. Davis.....	Feb. 12, 1896
44	King Solomon....	Jarvis W. Sencerbox.....	Jan. 13, 1896
		Frank J. Vogel.....	Mar. 22, 1896
45	Union	Frank Pietz.....	Sept. 16, 1896
48	Social	Wm. S. Brooks.....	Oct. 25, 1896
51	Acacia	Francis Oldham.....	Feb. 14, 1896
52	Cannon River....	Eli A. Bailey.....	Oct. 13, 1896
54	Nicollet	Hans J. Johnson.....	Feb. 11, 1896
		A. H. Benham.....	Mar. 22, 1896
		George L. Key.....	May 8, 1896
55	Zion	Oscar Roos.....	June 14, 1896
56	Meridian	Stephen Case.....	Feb. 14, 1896
		Alonzo A. Kingsley.....	Sept. 21, 1896
		J. J. R. Spornitz.....	Nov. 16, 1896
57	Blue Earth City..	Henry J. Neal.....	Jan. 27, 1896
60	Star of the West..	Geo. K. Hoffman.....	Aug. 28, 1896
		Edwin I. Whitefield.....	Nov. 10, 1896
61	Ashlar	Chas. Ellsbury.....	Oct. 4, 1896

APPENDIX—*Continued.*

No.	Name of Lodge.	Name of Member.	Date.
63	Illustrious	Andrew Scott.....	Apr. 26, 1896
		Alexander Utter.....	Sept. 24, 1896
64	Chain Lake.....	D. G. Henneberg.....	Jan. 9, 1896
		J. N. Hyde.....	Apr. 7, 1896
65	Golden Rule.....	William Getchell.....	May 10, 1896
67	Corinthian	Sylvanus Jenkins.....	July 1, 1896
69	Mystic Star.....	Henry Stage.....	Jan. 4, 1896
76	Joppa	Amos Benedict.....	Nov. 28, 1896
77	Tuscan	Jessie D. Ruse.....	July 7, 1896
		Henry Willyard.....	Sept. 25, 1896
78	Mystic Circle.....	Maurice L. Bergrin.....	Feb. 3, 1896
79	Palestine	Samuel McQuade.....	July 20, 1896
		Chas. F. Johnson.....	Feb. 8, 1896
		Chas. E. Snell.....	Mar. 14, 1896
		John A. Graham.....	Feb. 23, 1896
		E. B. Lemmon.....	June 12, 1896
		Chas. McKay.....	Mar. 30, 1896
80	Henderson	Henry Freeman.....	Feb. 21, 1896
		Lorenz Oberst.....	Apr. 8, 1896
83	Huram Abi.....	Joseph N. Cressey.....	Feb. 27, 1896
		Washington Hase.....	Mar. 15, 1896
89	Golden Fleece....	August Krueger.....	Feb. 6, 1896
90	Good Faith.....	Geo. C. Chamberlain.....	Nov. 8, 1896
91	Antiquity	John McDougall.....	Feb. 5, 1896
		Otto Schmahl.....	Sept. 25, 1896
94	Keystone	Richard Gerdes.....	Sept. 23, 1895
95	Sherburne	Geo. B. Upham.....	June 9, 1896
		Miner L. Brand.....	Nov. 12, 1896
97	Prudence	Geo. B. Worth.....	Aug. 19, 1896
98	Charity	John B. Velikanje.....	Dec. 18, 1896
99	Corner Stone.....	Montgomery Burfield.....	——— —, 1896
100	Aurora	J. A. McMillian.....	Mar. 19, 1895
		Jas. J. Eastman.....	Apr. 13, 1896
101	Fraternity	Moses B. Odell.....	Apr. 28, 1896
		Chas. H. Sibley.....	Oct. 26, 1896
104	Sharon	Peter A. Odell.....	Jan. 3, 1896
106	Mt. Tabor.....	Isaac M. Thomer.....	Feb. 15, 1896
		Cher. W. Dix.....	Feb. 28, 1896
112	Khurum	Henry Giles.....	Jan. 23, 1896
		George Anderson.....	Jan. 28, 1896
		F. S. Meck.....	Feb. 8, 1896
		Roswell G. Russell.....	Feb. 21, 1896
		Frank Waltman.....	June 20, 1896
		Francis S. McDonald.....	July 15, 1896
		David Blakely.....	Nov. 9, 1896
		Paul Daniels.....	Nov. 16, 1896
		Eugene Sherwood.....	Nov. 24, 1896
114	Ben Franklin.....	Robert Herren.....	Jan. 31, 1896
		W. H. Randall.....	Mar. 6, 1896
		Buel Knapp.....	July 16, 1896
		B. H. Hinkly.....	Sept. 2, 1896
		P. J. Kniss.....	Dec. 19, 1896

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No.	Name of Lodge.	Name of Member.	Date.
119	Delta	James Lester Garry	Jan. 17, 1896
		Wm. S. Searles	June 30, 1896
123	Prairie	Lewis E. Hatch	May 28, 1896
128	Josephus	Joseph D. Ham	Apr. 7, 1896
		Luke H. Cornell	Nov. 15, 1896
133	Golden Sheaf	Douglass R. Sutherland	Apr. 24, 1896
135	Nelson	Lasa W. Dudley	Aug. 20, 1896
140	Little Falls	J. P. Trampton	July 17, 1896
141	Crookston	Chas. D. Bailey	June 3, 1896
143	Lake View	M. H. McLeod	Apr. 6, 1896
146	Benton	Wm. Biggs	Mar. 1, 1896
		George W. Moon	Mar. 3, 1896
152	Frontier	Frank Hoppe	Apr. 13, 1896
165	Minnehaha	Wm. Milne	Aug. 17, 1896
166	Garnet	Rudolph F. Fritchie	Apr. 19, 1896
168	Braden	Wm. F. Fisher	Feb. 20, 1896
		James Goodwille	Dec. 14, 1896
169	Pierson	Theodore Ramm	Jan. 30, 1896
175	Roman Eagle	Ottis S. Melick	Nov. 2, 1896
176	Ark	W. R. Dickerson	Mar. 24, 1896
181	Dalles	Jas. Osborn	May 29, 1896
182	Fair Haven	Gustav W. Vogler	Aug. 28, 1896
184	Shell	Norman W. Briggs	Feb. 28, 1896
		A. D. Stuart	June 30, 1896
185	Midway	J. N. C. A. Van Scheltema	Apr. 30, 1896
		Robt. K. Evans	Sept. 1, 1896
186	Ionic	Harry Mee	Mar. 3, 1896
		Geo. W. Brandt	Aug. 11, 1896
187	Arcana	Louis Nootz	July 15, 1896
188	Fortitude	Martin Streeter	Jan. 22, 1896
		M. Filiatrault	Apr. 13, 1896
192	Crow River	Rubin A. Richmond	Dec. 27, 1896
196	Geneva	Erick Mathiason	Nov. 11, 1896
198	Euclid	John E. Fassett	Oct. 18, 1896
199	Murray	Geo. Henry Smith	May 19, 1896
200	Zenith	Henry Van Valkenburg	Mar. 8, 1896
201	Kenyon	Lewis A. Hathaway	Mar. 21, 1896
209	Sibley	Charles Wetter	Dec. 3, 1896

APPENDIX G.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting:

Know ye, that I have divided the territory of the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., into thirty-four (34) districts, each district composed of the lodges as hereinafter designated, and that I have appointed, and do hereby depute and appoint, the right worshipful brethren hereinafter named as District Deputy Grand Masters, in and for the respective districts, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. E. M. WINSLOW (73), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
17	Hokah	Hokah
20	Caledonia	Caledonia
29	Morning Star	La Crescent
36	Preston	Preston
73	Brownsville	Brownsville
110	Pickwick	Pickwick
194	Canton	Canton

SECOND DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. J. Q. BRIGGS (78), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
58	Spring Valley	Spring Valley
69	Mystic Star	Rushford
78	Mystic Circle	Houston
84	Orient	Money Creek
102	Lebanon	Lanesboro
121	Grand Meadow	Grand Meadow

THIRD DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. A. C. PAGE (39), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
39	Fidelity	Austin	116	Lafayette	Brownsdale
72	Lansing	Lansing	123	Prairie	Blooming Prairie
75	Eureka	Le Roy	131	Alma	Lyle

FOURTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. JOSEPH UNDERLEAK (56), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
22	Pleasant Grove	Pleasant Grove	85	High Forest	High Forest
56	Meridian	Chatfield	203	Stewartville	Stewartville

FIFTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. FRED SMITH (49), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
18	Winona	Winona	61	Ashler	Eyota
43	Harmony	Lewiston	63	Illustrious	Plainview
46	Evergreen	Troy	115	Elgin	Elgin
49	Rising Sun	St. Charles			

SIXTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. J. M. ROWLEY (21), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
11	Mantorville	Mantorville	83	Huram Abl	Kasson
21	Rochester	Rochester	108	Relief	Dodge Center
38	Washington	West Concord	201	Kenyon	Kenyon

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. G. W. HALL (86), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
14	Wapahasa	Wabasha	41	Hermon	Zumbrota
37	Mystic Tie	Pine Island	86	Tyrian	Mazeppa
40	Carnelian	Lake City	122	Kellogg	Kellogg

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. NATHAN EMERSON (7), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
7	Dakota	Hastings
8	Red Wing	Red Wing
34	Oriental	Cannon Falls
35	Mount Moriah	Hastings
130	Arcturus	Red Wing

NINTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. H. L. CRUTTENDEN (48), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
9	Faribault	Faribault
33	Star in the East	Owatonna
48	Social	Northfield
52	Cannon River	Cannon River
67	Corinthian	Farmington

TENTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. H. E. BLAIR (32), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
24	Wilton	Alma City
26	Western Star	Albert Lea
32	Sakatah	Waterville
77	Tuscan	Waseca
124	Janesville	Janesville

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. J. H. SPROUT (57), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
27	Blue Earth Valley	Winnebago City
57	Blue Earth City	Blue Earth City
64	Chain Lake	Fairmount
87	Doric	Wells
90	Good Faith	Jackson
179	King David	Elmore
193	Amboy	Amboy

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. C. R. J. KELLAM (210), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
97	Prudence	Windom
101	Fraternity	Worthington
114	Ben Franklin	Luverne
175	Roman Eagle	Adrian
210	Columbian	Heron Lake

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. R. SUTHERLAND (128), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
12	Mankato	Mankato	96	Libanus	St. James
66	Madelia	Madelia	103	Bethel	Lake Crystal
76	Joppa	Good Thunder	128	Josephus	Mapleton

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. GEO. W. TAYLOR (45), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
45	Union	Le Sueur	54	Nicollet	St. Peter
47	Concord	Cleveland	80	Henderson	Henderson

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. J. C. GOODNOW (148), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
142	Currie	Currie	199	Murray	Slayton
148	Quarry	Pipestone	204	St. Elmo	Jasper
170	Fulda	Fulda			

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. CHAS. H. GATFIELD (147), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
119	Delta	Marshall	155	Tracy	Tracy
136	Walnut	Walnut Grove	200	Zenith	Springfield
146	Benton	Lake Benton	221	Equity	Cottonwood
147	Canby	Canby			

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. L. R. DAVIS (196), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
91	Antiquity	Redwood Falls	196	Geneva	Madison
94	Keystone	Sleepy Eye	202	Venus	Dawson
98	Charity	New Ulm	216	Florence	Wood Lake
172	Marietta	Marietta			

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. F. A. LENOX (1), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
1	St. Johns	Stillwater
51	Acacia	Cottage Grove
55	Zion	Taylors Falls
65	Golden Rule	Lakeland
118	Newport	Newport
164	Jasper	Rush City
166	Garnet	White Bear

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. GEO. F. DIX (171), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
3	St. Paul	St. Paul
5	Ancient Landmark	St. Paul
163	Summit	St. Paul
168	Braden	St. Paul
171	Shekinah	St. Paul
185	Midway	St. Paul
190	Triune	St. Paul
191	Mizpah	South St. Paul
217	Capital City	St. Paul

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. W. B. PINEO (4), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
2	Cataract	Minneapolis
4	Hennepin	Minneapolis
19	Minneapolis	Minneapolis
112	Khurum	Minneapolis
160	Plymouth	Minneapolis
165	Minnehaha	Minneapolis
176	Ark	Minneapolis
187	Arcana	Minneapolis

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. CHAS. JACKSON (31), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
31	King Hiram	Jordan
44	King Solomon	Shakopee
111	Carver	Carver
151	Chaska	Chaska
177	Rough Ashler	Belle Plaine

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. W. W. SIVRIGHT (59), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
42	Hope	Glencoe
59	Temple	Hutchinson
144	Bird Island	Bird Island
149	Guardian	Brownton
158	Hector	Hector
195	Renville	Renville
209	Sibley	Winthrop
220	Olivia	Olivia

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. P. H. FOOTE (143), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
109	Sunset	Montevideo
117	Granite	Granite Falls
137	Appleton	Appleton
143	Lakeview	Ortonville

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. ISAAC VERVALEN (218), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
82	Howard	Howard Lake
89	Golden Fleece	Litchfield
104	Sharon	Willmar
134	Cokato	Cokato
138	Orion	Atwater
192	Crow River	Belgrade
218	Griswold	Dassel

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. S. W. FRASIER (189), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
129	Swift	Benson
133	Golden Sheaf	Morris
152	Frontier	Breckenridge
153	Kodahya	Browns Valley
162	Prescott	Herman
167	Agate	Campbell
189	Traverse	Wheaton
211	Friendship	Graceville
219	Mt. Hermon	Hancock

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. O. L. CUTTER (30), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
16	Monticello	Monticello
30	Anoka	Anoka
62	Star	Rockford
92	Fraternal	Princeton
95	Sherburne	Elk River
125	Winslow Lewis	Osseo
135	Nelson	Buffalo

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. J. C. MUNRO (23), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.
23	North Star	St. Cloud
28	Clear Water	Clearwater
71	Paynesville	Paynesville
93	Unity	Sauk Rapids
173	Plumb Line	Kimball Prairie
182	Fair Haven	Annandale

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. L. R. BARTO (60), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
60	Star in the West	Sauk Center	162	Sincerity	Villard
81	Constellation	Alexandria	174	Valley	Glenwood
159	Long Prairie	Long Prairie	180	Osakis	Osakis

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. S. L. FRAZER (186), D.·. D.·. G.·. M. .

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
79	Palestine	Duluth	197	Vermillion	Tower
181	Dalles	Cloquet	198	Euclid	West Duluth
186	Ionic	Duluth	208	Itasca	Grand Rapids
188	Fortitude	Two Harbors			

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. J. H. RHODES (140), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
100	Aurora	Brainerd	207	Crescent	Staples
140	Little Falls	Little Falls	213	Mystic	Aitkin
178	Anchor	Royalton			

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. J. T. JOHNSON (99), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
99	Corner Stone	Fergus Falls	169	Pierson	Barnesville
126	Moorhead	Moorhead	214	Evansville	Evansville

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. H. L. MELGAARD (215), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
141	Crookston	Crookston	206	Fosston	Fosston
150	Warren	Warren	212	Hallock	Hallock
154	Norman	Ada	215	Argyle	Argyle

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. L. R. THURSTON (205), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
50	Watertown	Watertown	132	Humboldt	Young America
113	Excelsior	Excelsior	205	Wayzata	Wayzata

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. J. L. BERTHOLD (157), D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
106	Mount Tabor	Detroit	157	Perham	Perham
139	Verndale	Verndale	184	Shell	Park Rapids
156	Wadena	Wadena			

And the said R.·. W.·. District Deputies are authorized to perform the duties and exercise the powers pertaining to said office, within their respective districts, until the next annual communication of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota, unless otherwise ordered.

Dated this 16th day of January, A. D. 1897, A.·. L.·. 5897.

JAMES F. LAWLESS,
Grand Master.

Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX H.

GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES.

Grand Lodge.	Name of Grand Master.	Address.	Name of Grand Secretary.	Address.
Alabama	Geo. P. Harrison	Opelika	Henry C. Armstrong	Montgomery.
Arizona	Artemus L. Grow	Tombstone	Geo. J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	A. G. Washburn	Waldron	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	M. W. A. Charleson	N. Westminster	W. J. Quinlan	Victoria.
California	Edward M. Preston	Nevada City	Geo. Johnson	San Francisco.
Canada	Wm. Gibson, M. P.	Beamsville	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Cuba	Segundo Alvarez	Havana	Jose F. Pellon	Havana.
Colorado	Geo. W. Roe	Pueblo	Ed. C. Parmelee	Denver.
Connecticut	James H. Welsh	Danbury	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	J. P. Lukens, M. D.	Wilmington	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia	Geo. W. Baird	Washington	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington.
England	Prince of Wales	.....	Edw'd Letchworth	London.
Florida	James W. Boyd	Barton	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	John P. Shannon	Elberton	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	I. S. Weiler	Boise City	Chas. C. Stevenson	Boise City.
Illinois	Owen Scott	Bloomington	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	Simeon P. Gillett	Evansville	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Ind. Territory	Silas Armstrong	Wyandotte	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Geo. W. Ball	Iowa City	Theo. S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Duke of Abercorn	.....	Lord Castletown	Dublin.
Kansas	Chiles C. Coleman	Clay Center	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	Robt. F. Peak	La Grange	Henry B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Albert G. Brice	New Orleans	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Aug. B. Farnham	Bangor	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	Corbet Locke	Morden	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Thomas J. Shryock	Baltimore	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Edwin B. Holmes	Boston	Ser. D. Nickerson	Boston.
Michigan	John J. Carton	Flint	Jeff. S. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	J. F. Lawless	St. Paul	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	James F. McCool	Kosciusko	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	D. A. Jamison	St. Louis	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Charles H. Gould	Miles City	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	Charles J. Phelps	Schuyler	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	Enoch Strother	Virginia City	C. N. Noteware	Carson City.
New Brunswick	Julius T. Whitlock	St. Stephen	F. W. Wisdom	St. John.
N. Hampshire	Henry A. Marsh	Nashua	Geo. P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Geo. W. Fortmeyer	East Orange	Thos. H. R. Redway	Trenton.
New Mexico	Dr. James H. Wrot	Albuquerque	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New S. Wales	Joseph P. Abbott	.....	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
New York	John Stewart	New York	E. M. L. Ehlers	New York.
New Zealand	Wm. Barron	.....	Wm. Ronaldson	Wellington.
North Carolina	Francis M. Moye	Wilson	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Wm. T. Perkins	Bismarck	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	John W. Ruhland	Halifax	William Ross	Halifax.
Ohio	Barton Smith	Toledo	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	Henry Rucker	Perry	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Oregon	Philip Metscham	Salem	Jas. F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	M. H. Henderson	Philadelphia	Wm. A. Sinn	Philadelphia.
P. Edw'd Island	John L. Thomson	Charlottetown	Nell MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	Fred Massey	Montreal	John H. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Edward P. Lowden	Pawtucket	Edwin Baker	Providence.
Scotland	Lord Saltoun	.....	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.
South Australia	S. J. Way	.....	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
South Carolina	Claude E. Sawyer	Aiken	Chas. Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	James Lewis	Canton	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Islandreau.
Tasmania	.....	.....	J. G. Steele	Hobart.
Tennessee	Philip N. Matlock	Kenton	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	A. B. Watkins	Athens	John Watson	Houston.
Utah	Wm. T. Dalby	Salt Lake City	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Kittredge Harkins	Brattleboro	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Victoria	W. J. Clarke	.....	John Braim	Melbourne.
Virginia	J. P. Fitzgerald	Farmville	Wm. B. Isaacs, Jr.	Richmond.
Washington	Y. C. Blalock	Walla Walla	Thos. M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	John M. Collins	Charleston	Geo. W. Atkinson	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	Aldro Jenks	Dodgeville	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	De Forest Richards	Douglas	Wm. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

APPENDIX I.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES.

To.			From.	
Name.	Residence.	State.	Name.	Residence.
Palmer J. Pillans....	Belknap.....	Alabama.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Arizona.....	.....	.....
Wm. Henry Gee.....	Dardanelle.....	Arkansas.....	A. La Due.....	Mantorville.
John Bale.....	N. Westminster	Brit. Columbia..	Chas. D. Boyce....	Minneapolis.
Samuel B. Hinckley..	Riverside.....	California.....	Geo. W. Prescott...	.....
A. A. Stevenson.....	Montreal.....	Canada.....	E. W. Durant.....	Stillwater.
Juan Miguel Ferrer...	Havana.....	Colon and Cuba	Alphonso Barto.....	Sauk Center.
Henry M. Teller.....	Central City...	Colorado.....	T. Montgomery....	St. Paul.
Edmund Tweedy.....	Danbury.....	Connecticut....	Chas. Griswold....	St. Paul.
Chas. C. King.....	Newark.....	Delaware.....	Henry R. Denny...	St. Paul.
C. W. Hancock.....	Washington....	Dist. Columbia.	J. D. Markham.....	Rush City.
.....	.....	England.....	.....	.....
Angus Patterson.....	Madison.....	Florida.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Center.
E. H. Reed.....	Waycross.....	Georgia.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Idaho.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Center.
Edward C. Pace.....	Ashley.....	Illinois.....	A. Y. Davidson....	Minneapolis.
.....	.....	Indiana.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
F. H. Nash.....	Fort Gibson....	Indian Ter.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
.....	.....	Ireland.....	.....	.....
John H. Spencer.....	Independence..	Kansas.....	Calvin L. Brown...	Morris.
J. Q. A. Fellows.....	New Orleans...	Louisiana.....	Chas. W. Nash.....	Minneapolis.
John B. Redman.....	Ellsworth.....	Maine.....	L. Z. Rogers.....	Waterville.
Hugh McCowan.....	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba.....	H. C. Shepard.....	Winona.
Hugh B. Jones.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Massachusetts.	.....	.....
.....	.....	Mexico.....	.....	.....
John Woodruff.....	Niles.....	Michigan.....	Alphonso Barto....	Sauk Center.
.....	.....	Minnesota.....	.....	.....
W. R. Montgomery...	Connersville...	Mississippi.....	Henry R. Wells....	Preston.
Samuel H. Saunders..	Otterville.....	Missouri.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Montana.....	.....	.....
Homer J. Allen.....	Kearney.....	Nebraska.....	J. E. Finch.....	Hastings.
Edward T. George...	Battle Mount'n.	Nevada.....	A. Marden.....	New Ulm.
Thos. Walker, M.D...	St. John.....	N. Brunswick..	James N. Castle....	Stillwater.
Albert S. Batchellor..	Littleton.....	N. Hampshire..	William Lee.....	Hastings.
John G. Mulrhead...	Pennington....	New Jersey....	J. H. Thompson....	Minneapolis.
.....	.....	New Mexico....	.....	.....
.....	.....	New S. Wales..	.....	.....
John S. Denton.....	Jamaica.....	New York.....	Jacob A. Kiester...	B. Earth City.
Thos. Alex. Peterkin.	Westport.....	New Zealand...	H. J. Peck.....	Shakopee.
.....	.....	North Carolina.	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Wm. A. Bentley.....	Bismarck.....	North Dakota..	Henry R. Wells....	Preston.
George A. Veits.....	Digby.....	Nova Scotia....	Jacob A. Kiester...	B. Earth City
Ralph R. Rickley....	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	Wm. T. Rigby.....	Clear Water.
.....	.....	Oklahoma.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Oregon.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
.....	.....	Pennsylvania...	Wm. B. Patton.....	Duluth.
John D. Bell.....	Montague.....	Pr. Edward Is..	A. T. Stebbins.....	Rochester.
John P. Noyes.....	Waterloo.....	Quebec.....	James N. Castle....	Stillwater.
John E. Goldsworthy.	Central Falls...	Rhode Island...	.....	.....
.....	.....	Scotland.....	.....	.....
Sam'l Henry Good....	.....	S. Australia...	E. P. Barnum.....	St. Cloud.
.....	.....	South Carolina.	.....	.....
J. Q. A. Braden.....	Aberdeen.....	South Dakota..	Henry R. Wells....	Preston.
.....	.....	Tasmania.....	.....	.....
Henry M. Aiken.....	Knoxville.....	Tennessee.....	W. F. Dickinson...	Redw'd Falls.
.....	.....	Texas.....	Jacob A. Kiester...	B. Earth City.
P. L. Williams.....	Salt Lake City.	Utah.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
Edwin Wheelock.....	Cambridge.....	Vermont.....	Sam'l E. Adams....	Minneapolis.
Dr. E. Hinchcliffe....	.....	Victoria.....	.....	.....
Wm. H. Pleasants...	Hollins.....	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Louis Ziegler.....	Spokane Falls..	Washington...	Henry R. Denny....	St. Paul.
Samuel D. Engle.....	Middleway.....	West Virginia..	Chas. L. West.....	Austin.
W. W. Perry.....	Eagle.....	Wisconsin.....	Geo. H. Davis.....	Mankato.
.....	.....	Wyoming.....	.....	.....

Iowa and Kentucky have abolished the system.

APPENDIX J.

GAINS AND LOSSES OF ALL LODGES SINCE ORGANIZATION TO JAN. 1, 1897, AS VERIFIED FROM G. L. REGISTER, BY THOS. MONTGOMERY, GRAND SECRETARY.

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.	Joined at Organization and Since.	Raised to Third Degree.	Total Enrollment.	Add Those Restored.	Total Gains.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	No. of Members Jan. 1, 1897.
St. Johns	1	Stillwater	127	223	350	11	361	69	60	1	.....	51	181	180
Cataract	2	Minneapolis	254	501	755	49	804	196	161	4	3	81	445	359
Old St. Paul (*a*)	3	St. Paul	33	59	92	.....	92	59	.....	.....	2	9	70	*22
St. Paul	3	St. Paul	210	394	604	13	617	147	98	1	2	68	316	301
Hennepin	4	Minneapolis	392	664	1,056	62	1,118	291	197	24	3	117	632	486
Ancient Landmark	5	St. Paul	537	649	1,186	51	1,237	344	194	16	1	168	723	514
Shakopee (*b*)	6	Shakopee	20	46	66	1	67	12	4	2	1	3	22	*45
Dakota	7	Hastings	75	208	283	29	312	109	54	1	.....	45	209	103
Red Wing	8	Red Wing	144	186	330	10	340	139	36	7	2	54	238	102
Old Faribault (*c*)	9	Faribault	22	68	90	8	98	26	30	.....	.....	.....	56	*42
Faribault	9	Faribault	139	194	333	21	354	123	71	.....	1	30	225	129
Pacific (*d*)	10	St. Paul	12	32	44	.....	44	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	*42
Mantorville	11	Mantorville	39	165	204	22	226	87	55	.....	2	23	167	59
Mankato	12	Mankato	181	223	404	22	426	147	95	1	2	41	286	140
Henderson (*e*)	13	Henderson	12	6	18	.....	18	1	.....	.....	.....	1	2	*16
Wapahasa	14	Wabasha	66	195	261	41	302	99	94	.....	.....	36	229	73
St. Cloud (*f*)	15	St. Cloud	9	7	16	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	*15
Monticello	16	Monticello	51	144	195	11	206	84	32	.....	.....	22	138	68
Hokah	17	Hokah	38	140	178	4	182	101	27	1	.....	14	143	39
Winona	18	Winona	254	349	603	17	620	255	76	.....	.....	67	398	222
Minneapolis	19	Minneapolis	526	726	1,252	33	1,285	233	136	.....	1	92	462	823
Caledonia	20	Caledonia	32	92	124	3	127	52	12	2	.....	10	76	51
Rochester	21	Rochester	158	278	436	36	472	179	117	.....	2	44	342	130
Pleasant Grove	22	Pleasant Grove	36	206	242	37	279	132	73	.....	3	18	226	53
North Star	23	St. Cloud	130	248	378	23	401	134	75	3	1	40	253	148
Wilton	24	Alma City	35	121	156	7	163	91	24	.....	2	19	136	27
Meridian (*g*)	25	Chatfield	17	15	32	.....	32	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	*26
Western Star	26	Albert Lea	106	185	291	32	323	104	70	.....	.....	20	194	129
Blue Earth Valley	27	Winnebago City	71	132	203	13	216	74	60	3	1	17	155	61
Clear Water	28	Clear Water	31	96	127	5	132	43	17	.....	.....	18	78	54

Morning Star	29	La Crescent	23	113	136	31	167	51	63	.....	.....	12	126	41
Anoka	30	Anoka	90	205	295	13	308	71	49	.....	2	29	151	157
King Hiram	31	Jordan	24	120	144	15	159	77	31	.....	.....	13	121	38
Sakatah	32	Waterville	50	117	167	5	172	48	26	.....	1	17	92	80
Star in the East	33	Owatonna	112	157	269	13	282	104	47	2	1	25	179	103
Oriental	34	Cannon Falls	30	150	180	8	188	77	29	1	5	26	138	50
Mount Moriah	35	Hastings	48	163	211	24	235	86	46	1	.....	22	155	80
Preston	36	Preston	37	277	314	13	327	140	65	.....	1	22	228	99
Mystic Tie	37	Pine Island	32	154	186	16	202	101	33	1	1	17	153	49
Washington	38	West Concord	57	135	192	10	202	82	62	.....	3	8	155	47
Fidelity	39	Austin	135	300	435	62	497	156	132	1	.....	47	336	161
Carnelian	40	Lake City	83	185	268	15	283	116	51	1	2	18	188	95
Hermon	41	Zumbrota	39	140	179	7	186	75	37	.....	.....	13	125	61
Hope	42	Glencoe	47	130	177	4	181	67	26	.....	.....	16	109	72
Harmony	43	Lewiston	30	149	179	11	190	102	25	3	2	11	143	47
King Solomon	44	Shakopee	45	135	180	3	183	63	33	.....	4	20	120	63
Union	45	Le Sueur	46	146	192	2	194	76	20	1	.....	22	119	75
Evergreen	46	Troy (now Clyde)	20	101	121	5	126	71	13	1	1	6	92	34
Concord	47	Cleveland	17	67	84	.....	84	28	8	.....	2	14	52	32
Social	48	Northfield	91	172	263	10	273	103	35	.....	.....	29	167	106
Rising Sun	49	St. Charles	103	184	287	6	293	113	25	.....	.....	27	165	128
Watertown	50	Watertown	18	94	112	.....	112	42	25	1	.....	13	81	31
Acacia	51	Cottage Grove	19	97	116	6	122	51	16	.....	.....	17	84	38
Cannon River	52	Morristown	31	123	154	6	160	73	28	.....	1	15	117	43
Faribault (*h*)	53	(See No. 9.)												
Nicollet	54	St. Peter	57	155	212	13	225	60	45	.....	.....	25	130	95
Zion	55	Taylors Falls	22	74	96	2	98	29	3	.....	.....	19	51	47
Meridian	56	Chatfield	69	229	298	7	305	73	32	.....	.....	33	138	167
Blue Earth City	57	Blue Earth City	52	110	162	1	163	47	28	.....	.....	13	88	75
Spring Valley	58	Spring Valley	78	153	231	22	253	93	58	1	1	24	177	76
Temple	59	Hutchinson	45	135	180	1	181	44	25	2	.....	14	85	96
Star in the West	60	Sauk Centre	70	117	187	17	204	62	44	3	.....	12	121	83
Ashlar	61	Eyota	42	105	147	7	154	55	23	.....	1	11	90	64
Star	62	Rockford	23	82	105	6	111	38	24	.....	.....	9	66	45
Illustrious	63	Plainview	43	145	188	3	191	90	12	.....	1	23	126	65
Chain Lake	64	Fairmont	66	128	194	13	207	58	30	1	.....	9	98	109
Golden Rule	65	Lakeland	18	59	77	1	78	28	14	.....	.....	11	53	25
Madelia	66	Madelia	25	63	88	3	91	34	14	.....	.....	4	52	39
Corinthian	67	Farmington	42	94	136	5	141	58	24	1	.....	14	97	44
Mystic Star	69	Rushford	30	104	134	3	137	54	11	.....	2	12	79	58
Forest City (*i*)	70	Forest City	18	18	36	.....	36	11	1	.....	.....	1	13	*23
Paynesville	71	Paynesville	25	99	124	7	131	46	21	1	.....	8	76	55
Lansing	72	Lansing	20	54	74	5	79	28	16	.....	.....	4	48	31
Brownsville	73	Brownsville	8	40	48	3	51	22	5	.....	2	3	32	19
Minneiska (*j*)	74	Minneiska	20	9	29	.....	29	11	3	.....	.....	1	15	*14
Eureka	75	Le Roy	41	89	130	7	137	47	20	1	.....	13	81	56

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Joppa	76	Good Thunder	29	82	111	.....	111	59	9	.....	1	6	75	36
Tuscan	77	Waseca	83	100	183	3	186	60	17	.....	1	13	91	95
Mystic Circle	78	Houston	27	52	79	1	80	31	5	.....	.....	9	45	35
Palestine	79	Duluth	316	312	628	10	638	117	30	.....	1	38	186	452
Henderson	80	Henderson	30	87	107	3	110	24	9	1	1	17	52	58
Constellation	81	Alexandria	67	100	167	10	177	64	29	.....	.....	16	109	68
Howard	82	Howard Lake	47	81	128	9	137	49	23	.....	.....	3	75	62
Huram Abi	83	Kasson	51	106	157	8	165	42	34	1	1	17	95	70
Orient	84	Money Creek	18	60	78	4	82	40	15	1	.....	3	59	23
High Forest	85	High Forest	19	85	104	13	117	38	23	.....	.....	8	69	48
Tyrian	86	Mazeppa	29	98	127	2	129	47	21	.....	.....	5	73	56
Doric	87	Wells	58	100	158	21	179	74	48	.....	.....	12	134	45
Yellowstone (*k*)	88	Fort Buford, N. D.	32	18	50	.....	50	13	1	.....	.....	1	15	*35
Golden Fleece	89	Litchfield	75	165	240	1	241	66	24	.....	2	26	118	123
Good Faith	90	Jackson	41	48	89	1	90	34	4	.....	1	6	45	45
Autiquity	91	Redwood Falls	64	66	130	1	131	29	12	.....	.....	16	57	74
Fraternal	92	Princeton	20	113	133	4	137	20	22	.....	.....	18	60	77
Unity	93	Sauk Rapids	21	88	109	10	119	28	29	.....	.....	10	67	52
Keystone	94	Sleepy Eye	28	114	142	2	144	57	20	1	2	9	89	55
Sherburne	95	Elk River	37	81	118	6	124	26	12	.....	.....	14	52	72
Libanus	96	St. James	44	60	104	.....	104	24	15	.....	.....	5	44	60
Prudence	97	Windom	66	75	141	5	146	37	13	2	.....	11	63	83
Charity	98	New Ulm	23	94	117	1	118	40	5	.....	1	11	57	61
Corner Stone	99	Fergus Falls	68	164	232	3	235	81	27	1	2	15	126	109
Aurora	100	Brainerd	100	186	286	5	291	95	49	.....	3	22	169	122
Fraternity	101	Worthington	67	74	141	3	144	49	24	.....	1	14	88	56
Lebanon	102	Lanesboro	26	37	63	1	64	31	11	.....	1	4	47	17
Bethel	103	Lake Crystal	18	100	118	1	119	20	11	.....	.....	3	34	85
Sharon	104	Willmar	36	94	130	6	136	30	25	1	1	10	67	69
Shiloh (*l*)	105	Fargo, N. D.	14	38	52	.....	52	10	.....	.....	1	.....	11	*41

Mt. Tabor	106	Detroit	34	138	172	2	174	44	23	.....	2	12	81	93
Adoniram (*m*)	107	Dover	18	19	37	.....	37	5	4	.....	.....	1	10	*27
Relief	108	Dodge Center	37	113	150	20	170	39	41	.....	.....	7	87	83
Sunset	109	Montevideo	57	137	194	1	195	55	29	1	.....	10	95	100
Pickwick	110	Pickwick	27	56	83	6	89	22	15	1	.....	4	42	47
Carver	111	Carver	30	44	74	4	78	34	9	2	.....	3	48	30
Khuram	112	Minneapolis	318	313	631	15	646	144	61	4	1	57	267	379
Excelsior	113	Excelsior	37	72	109	12	121	39	39	.....	1	6	85	36
Ben. Franklin	114	Luverne	61	79	140	3	143	42	21	.....	1	13	77	66
Elgin	115	Elgin	32	82	114	6	120	39	30	.....	.....	3	72	48
Lafayette	116	Brownsdale	23	74	97	1	98	26	7	.....	.....	8	41	57
Granite	117	Granite Falls	29	83	112	3	115	35	14	.....	1	10	60	55
Newport	118	Newport	33	57	90	.....	90	34	1	.....	.....	2	37	53
Delta	119	Marshall	55	99	154	1	155	44	7	.....	.....	9	60	95
Bismarck (*n*)	120	Bismarck, N. D.	12	17	29	.....	29	1	.....	.....	.....	2	3	*26
Grand Meadow	121	Grand Meadow	41	60	101	2	103	39	4	.....	1	7	51	52
Kellogg	122	Kellogg	16	44	60	.....	60	26	6	.....	.....	3	35	25
Prairie	123	Blooming Prairie	20	40	60	1	61	24	4	.....	.....	2	30	31
Janesville	124	Janesville	32	64	96	.....	96	26	4	1	.....	9	40	56
Winslow Lewis	125	Osseo	5	84	89	7	96	18	16	.....	.....	6	40	56
Moorhead	126	Moorhead	44	54	98	4	102	32	18	.....	1	6	57	45
Centennial (*o*)	127	Delano	17	29	46	2	48	9	3	.....	1	1	14	*34
Josephus	128	Mapleton	33	70	103	.....	103	28	11	.....	.....	7	46	57
Swift	129	Benson	23	72	95	3	98	37	15	1	.....	4	57	41
Arcturus	130	Red Wing	30	42	72	.....	72	29	6	.....	.....	3	38	34
Alma	131	Lyle	21	119	140	17	157	43	43	.....	.....	10	96	61
Humboldt	132	Young America	14	49	63	.....	63	17	6	.....	.....	5	28	35
Golden Sheaf	133	Morris	45	104	149	1	150	32	16	.....	.....	12	60	90
Cokato	134	Cokato	17	71	88	2	90	31	9	1	2	4	47	43
Nelson	135	Buffalo	32	26	58	1	59	9	3	.....	.....	3	15	44
Walnut	136	Walnut Grove	12	25	37	1	38	24	4	.....	.....	1	29	9
Appleton	137	Appleton	38	72	110	1	111	23	6	2	.....	9	40	71
Orion	138	Atwater	15	59	74	1	75	12	7	.....	1	4	24	51
Verndale	139	Verndale	25	51	76	3	79	38	7	.....	.....	3	48	31
Little Falls	140	Little Falls	59	83	142	.....	142	39	6	.....	2	9	56	86
Crookston	141	Crookston	72	126	198	9	207	62	36	.....	1	12	111	96
Currie	142	Currie	20	33	53	.....	53	31	.....	.....	.....	3	34	19
Lakeview	143	Ortonville	45	80	125	11	136	37	28	.....	3	10	78	58
Bird Island	144	Bird Island	21	42	63	4	67	26	11	.....	1	1	39	28
Melrose	145	Melrose	7	33	40	.....	40	7	6	.....	.....	1	14	26
Benton	146	Lake Benton	22	56	78	.....	78	22	.....	.....	1	4	27	51
Canby	147	Canby	26	63	89	2	91	29	15	.....	.....	3	47	44
Quarry	148	Pipestone	58	73	131	1	132	40	12	1	.....	8	61	71
Guardian	149	Brownton	15	43	58	.....	58	19	6	.....	.....	1	26	32
Warren	150	Warren	26	82	108	3	111	40	11	.....	.....	9	60	51
Chaska	151	Chaska	18	25	43	.....	43	8	.....	.....	.....	2	10	33

APPENDIX J.—*Continued.*

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.	Joined at Organization and Since.	Raised to Third Degree.	Total Enrollment.	Add Those Restored.	Total Gains.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	No. of Members Jan. 1, 1897.
Frontier	152	Breckenridge	24	70	94	2	96	27	5	.....	.....	5	37	59
Kodahya	153	Browns Valley	16	50	66	1	67	18	2	.....	1	5	26	41
Norman	154	Ada	19	52	71	6	77	22	13	2	1	3	41	36
Tracy	155	Tracy	42	43	85	1	86	20	2	.....	.....	1	23	63
Wadena	156	Wadena	45	58	103	3	106	26	26	.....	1	3	56	50
Perham	157	Perham	26	64	90	5	95	42	12	1	.....	1	56	39
Hector	158	Hector	16	35	51	.....	51	14	1	.....	.....	3	18	33
Long Prairie	159	Long Prairie	26	42	68	.....	68	7	10	1	1	2	21	47
Plymouth	160	Minneapolis	81	122	203	1	204	17	11	1	.....	6	35	169
Sincerity	161	Villard	21	43	64	1	65	21	9	2	2	3	37	28
Prescott	162	Herman	16	45	61	.....	61	20	1	.....	.....	3	24	37
Summit	163	St. Paul	154	164	318	.....	318	40	20	.....	4	14	78	240
Jasper	164	Rush City	26	67	93	1	94	14	7	1	4	1	27	67
Minnehaha	165	Minneapolis	73	84	157	1	158	21	11	.....	1	9	42	116
Garnet	166	White Bear	19	48	67	1	68	13	.....	.....	1	4	18	50
Agate	167	Campbell	21	37	58	.....	58	11	10	.....	.....	4	25	33
Braden	168	St. Paul	41	81	122	1	123	15	2	.....	1	8	26	97
Pierson	169	Barnesville	28	69	97	1	98	24	6	.....	.....	3	33	65
Fulda	170	Fulda	17	31	48	.....	48	5	3	.....	.....	.....	8	40
Shekinah	171	St. Paul	51	65	116	.....	116	20	2	.....	.....	2	24	92
Marietta	172	Marietta	12	18	30	.....	30	12	1	.....	.....	1	14	16
Plumb Line	173	Kimball Prairie	17	39	56	.....	56	20	1	.....	.....	1	22	34
Valley	174	Glenwood	24	19	43	.....	43	7	.....	.....	.....	5	12	31
Roman Eagle	175	Adrian	23	24	47	.....	47	9	.....	1	.....	4	14	33
Ark	176	Minneapolis	132	161	293	.....	293	34	13	.....	.....	12	59	234
Rough Ashlar	177	Belle Plaine	6	21	27	1	28	8	1	.....	.....	2	11	17
Anchor	178	Royalton	19	23	42	1	43	6	4	.....	.....	2	12	31
King David	179	Elmore	13	31	44	.....	44	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	39
Osakis	180	Osakis	14	28	42	.....	42	8	2	.....	.....	1	11	31
Dalles	181	Cloquet	26	62	88	.....	88	11	12	.....	.....	3	26	62

Fair Haven	182	Annandale	28	26	54		54	11	2			1	14	40
Pelican Rapids (*p*)	183	Pelican Rapids	11	9	20		20	4	1				5	*15
Shell	184	Park Rapids	24	37	61	2	63	5	7			3	15	48
Midway	185	St. Paul	40	48	88		88	26	2			3	31	57
Ionic	186	Duluth	58	90	148		148	7				6	13	135
Arcana	187	Minneapolis	38	54	92		92	11	3			3	17	75
Fortitude	188	Two Harbors	22	47	69	1	70	11	10			8	29	41
Traverse	189	Wheaton	18	38	56		51	7					7	49
Triune	190	St. Paul	48	40	88	1	89	6	2	1		2	11	78
Mizpah	191	South St. Paul	15	30	45	1	46	8	6			1	15	31
Crow River	192	Belgrade	12	18	30		30	8		1	1	3	13	17
Amboy	193	Amboy	14	23	37		37	2	3	1		1	7	30
Canton	194	Canton	20	51	71		71	3				3	6	65
Renville	195	Renville	9	36	45		45	2	1			2	5	40
Geneva	196	Madison	20	23	43		43	6				1	7	36
Vermillion	197	Tower	17	50	67		67	2					2	65
Euclid	198	West Duluth	59	41	100		100	17				2	19	81
Murray	199	Slayton	19	24	43		43	2				4	6	37
Zenith	200	Springfield	17	48	65		65	2			1	1	4	61
Kenyon	201	Kenyon	14	16	30		30	1	1			2	4	26
Venus	202	Dawson	13	11	24		24	5	1				6	18
Stewartville	203	Stewartville	27	22	49		49	3					3	46
St. Elmo	204	Jasper	12	23	35		35	6	6				12	23
Wayzata	205	Wayzata	15	27	42		42	5				1	6	36
Fosston	206	Fosston	9	17	26		26					1	1	25
Crescent	207	Staples	35	30	65		65	9				2	11	54
Itasca	208	Grand Rapids	12	24	36	1	37	1		1			2	35
Sibley	209	Winthrop	11	9	20		20	2				1	3	17
Columbian	210	Heron Lake	17	6	23		23	2					2	21
Friendship	211	Graceville	15	17	32		32	1	1				2	30
Hallock	212	Hallock	12	15	27		27	2					2	25
Mystic	213	Aitkin	17	6	23		23							23
Evansville	214	Evansville	8	6	14		14	3					3	11
Argyle	215	Argyle	19	18	37		37							37
Florence	216	Wood Lake	10	17	27		27	1					1	26
Capital City	217	St. Pa	27	12	39		39							39
Griswold	218	Dassel	18	15	33		33	1				1		32
Totals			10,842	21,083	31,925	1,289	33,214	9,789	4,666	124	121	2,644	17,344	15,447

* Defunct. Not counted.

a Charter surrendered Jan. 9, 1856. *b* Charter surrendered Sept.—, 1860. *c* Charter surrendered June 1, 1865. *d* Charter surrendered Dec. 27, 1861. *e* Charter surrendered in 1860. *f* Charter surrendered in 1860. *g* Charter surrendered Nov.—, 1859. *h* Changed to No. 9, Jan. 15, 1869. *i* Charter surrendered in 1873. *j* Charter withdrawn Jan. 11, 1882. *k* Charter surrendered June 6, 1874. *l* Transferred to Grand Lodge of Dakota Jan.—, 1880. *m* Charter surrendered Nov.—, 1880. *n* Transferred to Grand Lodge of Dakota Dec.—, 1880. *o* Charter arrested in September, 1886. *p* Charter withdrawn Jan. 16, 1896.

The latter is unquestionably a Fourth of July ruling, more properly coming under the head of fireworks.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; the proposed constitutional amendments were declared defeated for want of a two-thirds' vote; a number of gavels made by students in the A. F. M. College were received; and a gold watch was presented to Bro. F. L. Pettus, past grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. P. J. Pillans, from which we quote:

> From the address it is apparent that cyclones and fires most destructive worked dire distress on our brethren. Why do not some of them come to us, where cyclones and blizzards and prairie fires come not, but where under a mild and benignant sky the earth yields plentifully when only tickled by the laborers, and where the climate allows of labor at all times of the year?
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> A most original oration in its conception, yet most instructive in its reasonings and deductions, as well as most interesting in its style, was delivered by Bro. A. S. Crossfield on The Origin of Masonic Principles, the Foundation of Masonic Society, and What is Masonry?
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> The report on correspondence, in which we find Alabama for 1893, is from the fluent pen of our Bro. Irving Todd.

M.·. W.·. G. P. Harrison, Opelika, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. H. C. Armstrong, Montgomery, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. P. J. Pillans, Belknap, committee on foreign correspondence.

ARIZONA, 1895.

The fourteenth annual communication was held at Prescott, Nov. 12th, 13th, and 14th, M.·. W.·. R. N. Fredericks, Grand Master. Eight lodges represented; eleven on the roll. Six past grand masters present.

Membership five hundred and three; loss nine. Receipts $587.

The following glowing paragraph is taken from the annual address:

The past year has been a prosperous one for nearly every section of Arizona. The building of railroads has brought us in closer touch than ever before; the stage coach and buckboard have in some localities become almost obsolete; a few hours' ride behind the iron steed will now bring us to our destination, whereas, in former years, it took several days to make the same journey. The capitalist is not as shy to invest in Arizona as in years gone by; we see him in the mountains furnishing the necessary funds to carry on mining; again we find him in the valleys engaged in water storage, horticultural, and agricultural pursuits. New blood is being infused into our various enterprises; the hardy emigrant has turned his face to the southwest, and, unless all signs fail, we are actively engaged in building a large and prosperous state.

The grand master visited officially every lodge in his jurisdiction, something of an undertaking in that country of magnificent distances.

The Wisconsin relief proposition was concurred in; a telegram of sorrow was forwarded to the junior grand warden, detained at home by an accident; a constitutional amendment was adopted that no moneys be expended from the widows' and orphans' fund until fifteen annual payments shall have been made thereto; and a banquet was tendered by the local lodge.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.·. W.·. A. L. Grow, Tombstone, Grand Master; V.·. W.·. G. J. Roskruge, Tucson, reëlected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1895.

The fifty-sixth annual communication was held at Little Rock, Nov. 19th and 20th, M.·. W.·. N. P. Richmond, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty lodges represented; four hundred and forty-one on the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges; three charters arrested, two lodges consolidated, one charter surrendered, and one revoked. Membership thirteen thousand, four hundred, and twenty-one; loss two hundred and fifty-one. Receipts $8,801.20.

The death of Bro. J. M. Pinnell, senior grand warden, was announced.

The fourteen decisions were of local interest only.

A well considered address was delivered by Bro. H. H. Myers, grand orator.

There is a slight improvement in the temple debt, the rents having increased $996 by new tenants. The resolution of last year requiring the payment of $10 for the first initiation realized $1,826, and was superseded by another providing that $2 for every initiation, $1 for every passing, and $1 for every raising be remitted for the temple fund. The board of control asked for an appropriation of $500 to cover deficiencies, but did not get it.

The code was amended providing that any lodge failing to elect officers at the appointed time may name another day for such purpose without dispensation; three olive wood gavels were received from a lodge at Jerusalem; memorial services for the senior grand warden were held at the same hour of his funeral at home; the installation of the senior grand warden elect was deferred, he not having passed the chair as required by the constitution; and a collection of $54 was taken up for a venerable member of the grand lodge who was ill and destitute.

There was a report on foreign correspondence this year, by Bro. S. H. Davidson. From the five pages devoted to Minnesota the following extracts are reproduced:

Bro. A. S. Crossfield, grand orator, delivered a beautiful and impressive address, his subject being The Origin of Masonic Principles; the Foundation of the Masonic Society, and What Masonry Is. For the benefit of Arkansas masons we extract a portion of what he said on the last division of his subject.

The annual contains an excellent picture of Grand Master C. L. Brown, who appears to be a man of dignity and culture, yet, if we do not mistake the cut of his eye, he would make a friend, true, faithful, and cordial, is easily approached, and is fond of the fellowship of friends, and enjoys a good joke.

Bro. Irving Todd again presents the report on foreign correspondence. Like several previous efforts of Bro. Todd in this line it is a finished production, covering one hundred pages, and collating the fatness from the proceedings of fifty-seven grand lodges. He

gathers the important items from our fifty-fourth annual, and boils them down to fit two and a half pages to a nicety.

M.·. W.·. A. G. Washburn, Waldron, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. S. H. Davidson, Evening Shade, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1896.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Nanaimo, June 18th and 19th, M.·. W.·. L. R. Johnson, Grand Master. Eighteen lodges represented; twenty-two on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership twelve hundred and seventy-two; gain three. Receipts $2,100.

The committee on masonic home reported adversely; the Wisconsin relief proposition was favorably considered, final action to be had next year; several amendments to the constitution were proposed; divine service was attended in a body, with an excellent sermon by Bro. J. A. Logan, grand chaplain; and a banquet was tendered by the local lodges.

The report on foreign correspondence was again prepared by Bro. Marcus Wolfe, who borrowed the write-ups of several jurisdictions from Bro. G. B. Edwards, of New Jersey, not having received their proceedings himself. Minnesota is among the number.

M.·. W.·. Alex. Charleson, New Westminster, Grand Master, V.·. W.·. W. J. Quinlan, Victoria, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Marcus Wolfe, Nanaimo, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

CALIFORNIA, 1895.

The forty-sixth annual communication was held at San Francisco, Oct. 8th to 12th, M.·. W.·. J. B. Stevens, Grand Master. Two hundred and twenty-five lodges represented; two hundred and fifty-eight on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges; one charter revoked. Membership seventeen thousand, four hundred, and thirty-one; gain three hundred and ninety-one. Receipts $23,-196.25.

The deaths of Bro. J. M. Browne and Bro. W. C. Belcher, past grand masters, were announced. The latter had been chairman of the committee on jurisprudence twenty-eight years.

The trustees of the widows' and orphans' home reported $713.25 receipts, with $20,406.64 unpaid subscriptions. The location remains at Decoto.

The reports of the masonic board of relief show the usual demands upon the fraternity, San Francisco expending $13,270.25, Los Angeles $3,332.98, Oakland $1,956.70, Sacramento $800.75, San Diego $1,096.78, Stockton $119.85, and San Jose $197. There were five cases from Minnesota at $100.40, $24 of which was refunded by three of our lodges.

Memorial pages were ordered for forty-eight past masters deceased during the year; recognition of the Grand Lodge of Victoria was deferred for further information; the annual appropriation of $480 was continued to Bro. J. A. Tutt, past grand master; $6,450 were appropriated to six boards of relief; an interesting address was delivered by Bro. E. N. Deuprey, grand orator; a memorial service was held for Bro. W. C. Belcher, past grand master, with appropriate addresses; the committee on jurisprudence held that lodges should not be given permission to attend divine service in regalia, and a portrait and jewel were ordered for the retiring grand master.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. W. A. Davies, a well considered paper, in which Minnesota and its correspondent are handsomely noticed.

The following genealogical contribution is found under Connecticut:

> Hedges from Connecticut. Oh, no, Bro. Barlow, you're all wrong; some cowan has imposed upon you. The Cornelius of the west—our Melchisedeck—is a native of the Holy Land and the discoverer of the Eastern Star, which you Connecticut folks refused to acknowledge.

Bro. Davies is of the opinion that a master or warden has the same right of dimission that is freely accorded to any other member of the lodge. It would not be good law in Minnesota.

M.·. W.·. E. M. Preston, Nevada City, Grand Master; V.·. W.·. George Johnson, San Francisco, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. A. Davies, San Francisco, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

CANADA, 1896.

The forty-first annual communication was held at Belleview, July 15th and 16th, M.·. W.·. W. R. White, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy-nine lodges represented; three hundred and fifty-four on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Six dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership twenty-three thousand, three hundred, and fifty-one; gain five hundred and forty-six. Receipts $20,215.17.

Under the head of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario the grand master reports:

> I am very much pleased to be able to report to this grand lodge that during the past year (pursuant to the authority granted at our last meeting) such arrangements have been made with the members of this organization as effectually sweep this body out of existence for I trust all time to come. Their charter (granted by the provincial government) has been transferred to myself and the grand secretary, as trustees for this grand lodge; all warrants issued to subordinate lodges, the seal, and all other books and property of this so-called body have been, or are being, delivered up and are now in possession of this grand lodge. All members of this so-called grand body who have applied have been healed and declared their allegiance to this grand lodge. Many of them have applied for affiliation to our lodges, and are now active and useful members of this grand body. The surrender is voluntary and complete, the only concession granted being that members of the extinct body holding the rank of past master therein are conceded that rank in any of our lodges with which they may affiliate or to which they may be admitted.

Our Canadian brethren are to be congratulated upon the happy termination of a schism of over twenty years' standing.

The salary of the grand secretary was raised to $2,000, owing to the large increase of business in that office; the board on benevolence reported disbursements of $9,830 for the year; the special committee on asylum was granted further time to report; the members of Barton Lodge No. 6 were permitted to wear in lodge as a jewel their medal commemorative of its one hundredth anniversary; and a suitable testimonial was voted to the retiring grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was made by Bro. Henry Robertson, with five pages devoted to Minnesota, from which we quote:

> As an instance of desirable promptness, which reflects great credit on the grand secretary, we may mention that we received these proceedings on the 17th of February, less than a month from the close of the session.
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> They have a Masonic Veteran Association in Minnesota, composed of masons in good standing and of twenty-one years of masonic age, resident within the state, who may petition to become such. The admission fee is $5, which includes the badge of membership and certificate, and there are no annual dues. They have now one hundred and eighty-five active members and twenty honorary members. Their transactions are printed as an appendix to the grand lodge proceedings, and they form by far the most entertaining part of the volume. We regret that our space will not allow us to give full extracts. but we must find room for an account of a visit to our Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem. In response to the second toast, The Orient and the Holy Land Through a Mason's Spectacles, Bro. D. M. Baldwin, of Red Wing, spoke in part as follows.

M.·. W.·. William Gibson, Beamsville, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. J. Mason, Hamilton, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Henry Robertson, Collingwood, committee on foreign correspondence.

COLORADO, 1896.

The thirty-sixth annual communication was held at Denver, Sept. 15th and 16th, M.·. W.·. W. D. Peirce, Grand Master. Eighty-seven lodges represented; eighty-nine on the roll. Eighteen past grand masters and our representative present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership seven thousand, two hundred, and fifty-seven; gain two hundred and thirty-four. Receipts $7,349.70.

The death of Bro. W. D. Anthony, past grand master, was announced.

The following was reported among the fourteen approved decisions:

13. Secretaries of subordinate lodges may issue to the widows and orphans of deceased members, who are in good standing, certificates to that effect, with the seal of the lodge attached.

Bro. W. T. Perkins, Grand Master of North Dakota, was received with the grand honors; a brief address was delivered by Bro. J. W. Milsom, grand orator; the committee on Washington memorial recommended that the matter be turned over to the Grand Lodge of Virginia; lodge officers were required to rehearse the lectures bi-monthly, in the absence of work, and file a report; lodges were prohibited from incurring any indebtedness beyond $10 per capita without permission; grand lodge officers were authorized to dispose of grand lodge property at their discretion; non-affiliates were debarred from visitation more than twice a year; the Maine jurisdiction proposition was referred to the jurisprudence committee, to report at the next annual; the Wisconsin relief proposition was not indorsed; twenty-five per cent of the per capita tax for the year was ordered refunded to the lodges; a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master; a special committee was appointed to devise ways and means for reducing the current expenses; and the movement to cut the grand secretary's salary in twain was happily defeated.

Bro. L. N. Greenleaf submitted his customary report on correspondence, an interesting document, from which we quote:

Thirty-five thousand, five hundred, and forty-seven dollars in delinquent dues. More than enough to pay every liability. The same or a similar state of facts exists in nearly every grand jurisdiction.

A most eloquent and practical oration, adapted to needs of the present hour, entitled The Spirit of Masonry, was delivered by Bro. Rev. Robert Forbes, grand orator.

Bro. Irving Todd again presents the report on correspondence, which is a concise summary of the proceedings of fifty-five grand lodges within the limits of eighty-eight pages. Colorado for 1895 is the subject of an appreciative review.

Under the head of New Jersey he most justly says:

While we believe in the strict enforcement of the regulation concerning physical qualification in the case of a profane as being in accord with the ancient charges, landmarks, and customs of the fraternity, it cannot be made to apply to a brother, for he is already within the pale of the fraternity and therefore entitled to advancement, provided his character remains untarnished and he has attained the required proficiency. Does it not seem a travesty upon masonry to deny that right to a brother because he has met with an unforeseen accident, it may be in the performance of a heroic act, in exact line with our teachings? While instances might be multiplied in this connection, let us take the case of an engineer (an entered apprentice or fellow craft) who remains at his post of duty and with hand upon the throttle plunges with his engine into the abyss, and stops his train with its hundreds of passengers upon the brink. If, fortunately, he is rescued, though with loss of limb, shall we say to him, "Your act was heroic and self-sacrificing, you have our deepest sympathies, we are sorry to inform you that you can go no further in masonry because of your physical disability, but such is the law?" Colorado has wiped out that law, and we experience no pangs of regret for so doing.

The usual digest of decisions are given as an appendix, together with a few suggestions upon Mexican masonry and the antiquity of the third degree.

M.·. W.·. G. W. Roe, Pueblo, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. E. C. Parmelee reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, chairman of the committee on correspondence; both of Denver.

CONNECTICUT, 1896.

An emergent communication was held Sept. 25th to dedicate the masonic home, with an exhaustive address by Bro. L. A. Lockwood, president of the Masonic Charity Foundation.

The one hundred and eighth annual communication was held at Hartford, Jan. 15th and 16th, M.·. W.·. H. O. Warner, Grand Master. One hundred and ten lodges represented; one hundred and eleven on the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership sixteen thousand, six hundred, and thirty-two; gain one hundred and eighteen. Receipts $3,250.90.

The death of Bro. W. E. Sanford, past grand master, was announced.

The portrait is that of the Rev. Ashabel Baldwin, grand chaplain in 1797.

A special committee was appointed to consider the matter of a register and report next year.

The committee on jurisprudence held that one of their residents, who had been rejected at home and afterwards obtained the degrees in Scotland, was a regular mason, having been made in a regular lodge, but that if his action was taken with a view of evading the Connecticut law he is subject to trial by the local lodge. This is rather queer logic. Under the American system of jurisdiction he could only be recognized as a regular mason after being healed, to which the previous rejection is a possible bar. The would-be mason certainly has no claims upon the fraternity of this country which they are bound to respect.

Jewels are to be provided for the past grand masters; Bro. J. G. Root declined reëlection as grand treasurer after fifteen years of faithful service, and is to be rewarded by resolution; the grand lodge officers are hereafter to be paid their actual expenses when upon official duty; the per capita was permanently fixed at $1, seventy-five per cent of which goes to the masonic home, the maintenance of which is assumed by the grand lodge; and the lodge not repre-

sented is required to show cause next year as to its delinquency. How would such a rule work in Minnesota, for instance?

The grand secretary submitted his second report on correspondence. He says:

> An eloquent oration was delivered before the grand lodge by the grand orator, Bro. A. S. Crossfield.
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> The report on correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd, and is a careful review of the proceedings of fifty-seven grand lodges.

Under the head of Oregon is found the following sensible conclusion:

> A resolution offered allowing lodges to make masons out of clergymen without the payment of the usual fees and to exempt them from dues was, we think, very properly rejected. That which costs nothing usually is but little appreciated.

M.·. W.·. J. H. Welsh, Danbury, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. H. Barlow, Hartford, reëlected Grand Secretary and continued as committee on masonic correspondence.

DELAWARE, 1896.

The ninetieth annual communication was held at Wilmington, Oct. 7th and 8th, M.·. W.·. J. L. Cahall, Grand Master. His portrait faces the title page. Twenty lodges on the roll. Nine past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership two thousand and seventy-seven; gain thirty-eight. Receipts $1,359.56.

The Wisconsin relief proposition was restated, but not concurred in; the committee on masonic home reported adversely on account of expense, but recommended that an arrangement be made with some established institution to care for aged and indigent masons; the charter and property of the defunct lodge of last year were restored; it was resolved that an entered apprentice can claim the right of visitation, and that a warden may preside over a lodge in

the absence of the master, but cannot confer degrees unless he be an actual past master; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

Bro. L. H. Jackson again submitted a brief yet concise report on foreign correspondence, from which are taken the following pleasant paragraphs:

> Bro. Robert Forbes delivered a fine oration on The Spirit of Masonry.
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> Bro. Irving Todd, in his report on correspondence, presented a well selected compend of the transactions of the various grand lodges, Delaware for 1895 among the number.

M.·. W.·. J. P. Lukens, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. B. F. Bartram reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. H. Jackson, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1895.

At the semi-annual communication in May the committee on jurisprudence recommended that the communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky on the grand representative system be referred to a committee of three not representing any other grand lodge, to report at the annual meeting; that the uniform rules of Mississippi be not adopted; and that it would be unwise to change the present law so as to give all past masters a vote in the grand lodge.

The eighty-fifth annual communication was held at Washington, Nov. 13th, M.·. W.·. D. G. Dixon, Grand Master. The twenty-five lodges all represented. Twelve past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership four thousand, nine hundred, and forty-eight; gain one hundred and fifty-seven. Receipts $4,484.20.

The adverse report of the special committee upon the proposed amendment in relation to past masters was adopted, and the new manual for conducting masonic funerals laid over until next year.

At the installation communication memorial pages were ordered for six deceased past masters, an appropriation of $100 was made to the grand chaplain, and a jewel presented to the retiring grand master.

Bro. W. R. Singleton submitted his twenty-sixth report on foreign correspondence, with a fraternal notice of Minnesota.

The learned brother does not agree with decision three, in the 1895 proceedings, probably from a misapprehension of the case. Our grand lodge in 1891 placed indefinite suspension upon the same level with expulsion.

A quaker decision, Bro. Singleton, is one pertaining to the change of the word swear to affirm in the obligation, generally held as an innovation beyond the power of a master to grant.

Under Idaho he pertinently observes:

> No mason has a right to decline to ballot for a candidate, for the best of all reasons, that should the candidate be rejected he will be free from all responsibility. Every member present should share alike with the others; let it be the solemn act of the lodge.

M.·. W.·. G. W. Baird, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. W. R. Singleton, reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Washington.

FLORIDA, 1896.

The sixty-seventh annual communication was held at Jacksonville, Jan. 21st, 22d, and 23d, M.·. W.·. J. W. Boyd, Grand Master. One hundred and thirty-one lodges represented; one hundred and forty-nine on the roll. Ten past grand masters present, our representative included.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership four thousand, three hundred, and forty-nine; loss two hundred and seventy-three. Receipts $6,878.83.

The funeral of Bro. A. J. Russell, past grand master and grand secretary, was attended the first day, the death

of that well known craftsman having taken place four days previous.

A well written oration was delivered by Bro. R. H. Weller, grand orator; the charity box was spread for the relief of a distressed brother; and the past master's degree was conferred upon fifty masters elect.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.·. W.·. J. W. Boyd, Bartow, reëlected Grand Master; R.·. W.·. W. P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary; Bro. W. A. McLean, Jacksonville, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

GEORGIA, 1895.

The one hundred and ninth annual communication was held at Macon, Oct. 29th, 30th, and 31st, M.·. W.·. J. P. Shannon, Grand Master. Three hundred and ninety-one lodges represented; three hundred and ninety-eight on the roll. One past grand master present; our representative seems to have been dropped from the list.

Three dispensations for new lodges; one charter forfeited. Membership sixteen thousand, eight hundred, and thirty-eight; gain six hundred and three. Receipts $17,683.35.

Thirty-one decisions were reported, none of general interest.

The memorial tablet to Bro. J. S. Davidson, past grand master, was unveiled the first evening, the programme being quite an elaborate one.

The matter of a masonic home was referred to the subordinate lodges to name the amount of their voluntary contributions.

With a pay roll of $14,431.52 it is little wonder that the grand lodge finds itself $3,000 in debt, a surplus of that amount having been wiped out in two years.

The report on foreign correspondence was the joint work of W. S. Ramsay, A. Q. Moody, and W. E. Mumford. Minnesota appears to have been lost in the shuffle.

A neat little volume containing the memorial services of Bro. J. S. Davidson is printed separately from the proceedings.

M.·. W.·. J. P. Shannon, Elberton, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. A. M. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; the committee on foreign correspondence continued.

IDAHO, 1895.

The twenty-eighth annual communication was held at Boise City, Sept. 10th, 11th, and 12th, M.·. W.·. A. B. Clark, Grand Master. His portrait faces the title page. Twenty-one lodges represented; twenty-seven on the roll. Seven past grand masters present. Membership one thousand and eighty-four; gain eighteen. Receipts $3,711.75.

The deaths of Bro. E. A. Stevenson, past grand master, and Bro. J. H. Wickersham, past grand secretary, were announced. Portraits and biographies appear in the appendixes.

The following was reported among the approved decisions:

> I believe it to be within the province of a worshipful master to declare an appointive office vacant, and refill it whenever such action appears to be to the best interests of his lodge.

This is not in accord with Minnesota law, neither is it good practice.

Invitations to be present at a free silver address and to visit the penitentiary were accepted; a short, readable address was delivered by Bro. C. C. Stevenson, grand orator; the Mormon resolutions of 1883 were repealed, and the members of that church declared eligible for admission to membership in the fraternity; the Wisconsin relief proposition was adopted; the per capita tax was reduced from $1 to fifty cents, with the expenses of only one lodge representative to be paid in future; a banquet and entertainment by the ladies of an Eastern Star Chapter were duly

enjoyed; and the standing appropriation for grand masters' photographs was cut down from $50 to $30.

Bro. C. C. Stevenson presented his eighth report on foreign correspondence, a very good one, too. Of Minnesota he writes:

> The grand master, in an excellent address, reports the doings of the year. The decisions are, in our opinion, correct and in accordance with our law in Idaho.
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> A very able and interesting oration was delivered by Bro. A. S. Crossfield.
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> Bro. Irving Todd presented a very satisfactory report on correspondence. He clips extensively, but with judicious regard for the best things in the proceedings reviewed. Idaho for 1893 gets half a page and 1894 a whole one. General notice was taken of our transactions.

M.·. W.·. I. S. Weiler, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. C. C. Stevenson, Grand Secretary; both of Boise City. The latter is continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

ILLINOIS, 1896.

The fifty-seventh annual communication was held at Chicago, Oct. 6th, 7th, and 8th, M.·. W.·. Owen Scott, Grand Master. Six hundred and sixty-nine lodges represented; seven hundred and thirteen on the roll. Eight past grand masters and our representative present.

Five dispensations for new lodges; one charter revoked and one arrested; three consolidations. Membership fifty-two thousand, five hundred, and nine; gain seventeen hundred and eighty-two. Receipts $42,431.75.

The following interesting paragraph is taken from the annual address:

> At this point it will not be out of place to commend a feature of work that, happily, is growing more in favor. It is the custom of some lodges to hold what they term conclaves. A whole day and evening are given to work. Lodges are invited for many miles around. The lodge sending the invitation will have the first, second,

and third degrees, and invite a neighboring lodge to do the work in one degree, and another in another. Some have three or four candidates for the third and divide up in this. In the evening there is a grand masonic rally, attended by hundreds. Such meetings during the past year have had from three to four hundred masons present, and in some cases as many as thirty lodges have been represented, almost rivaling the interest and value of our superb schools. The good of such gatherings is inestimable. It brings the brethren closer together and stimulates them to better work and higher standards. Such meetings have been held at Peoria, Galesburg, Chillicothe, Upper Alton, Monticello, Litchfield, Somonauk, Carlinville, Waukegan, Champaign, and Urbana. Masonry has been thrilled and renewed in these localities. I most heartily commend this to all lodges having room and facilities for doing this kind of work.

An amendment to the by-laws was adopted prohibiting the use of the term masonic in any business calling not connected with the fraternity; it was resolved as the sense of the grand lodge that the grand master shall not succeed himself in office; the committee on correspondence was instructed to prepare a list of all the grand lodges in the world, legitimate and illegitimate; an eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. A. E. Stevenson, grand orator; the Grand Lodge of Cuba was recognized; a setting maul from Mother Kilwinning Lodge, Scotland, made of timber used in a ship of the Spanish Armada, 1588, was presented by a brother; and new regalia was ordered for the grand officers.

Bro. Joseph Robbins contributed another of his exhaustive reports on masonic correspondence, with seven pages devoted to Minnesota, from which the following extracts are taken:

The representative of Illinois, Bro. A. Y. Davidson, was not among the twenty-four diplomats who represented thirty-four grand jurisdictions at the opening of the grand lodge. It is refreshing to find here and there a grand lodge where some eminent brother still wears the honors conferred by more than one grand lodge upon its representatives. It indicates that there are yet some jurisdictions in which the appointment of grand representatives to its court has not come to be regarded as the legitimate patronage of its own ruler.

The grand master submitted seven decisions, all of which were confirmed, the jurisprudence committee especially emphasizing the gist of No. 4, that the power of waiver of jurisdiction by lodges must be limited to persons and not to territory. They are in accord with

our ideas of law, are clear in statement, excellent in style, and are in part as follows.

The grand lodge listened to a brilliant and sketchy mosaic from the grand orator, the Rev. Robert Forbes.

The report on correspondence is again the work of Bro. Irving Todd, who always drops his buckets deep into the wells of common sense and never draws them up empty. Comparisons are said to be odious, but we believe we have the consent of the whole guild to say that he is the only member who in eighty-eight pages can boil down his notice of fifty-five jurisdictions and not lose the distinctive flavor that belongs to each.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota at the fourth annual reunion are published in this volume, with its complete analytical roster, and are of great interest and value. We cannot forbear quoting from the annual address of the president, Bro. G. R. Metcalf.

Under the head of Kansas sixteen pages are devoted to Mexican masonry, the most exhaustive review of the subject that has come to our notice. Several of the points will tax the ingenuity of Bros. Miller, Matthews, and Anthony to successfully refute.

M.·. W.·. Owen Scott, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary, were reëlected, both of Bloomington; Bro. Joseph Robbins, Quincy, committee on correspondence.

INDIANA, 1896.

The seventy-fifth annual communication was held at Indianapolis, May 26th and 27th, M.·. W.·. Edward O'Rourke, Grand Master. Four hundred and eighty lodges represented; four hundred and eighty-one on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present.

Six dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership twenty-eight thousand, four hundred and thirty-nine; gain nine hundred and thirty-two. Receipts $20,839.32.

The portraits are thirty-eight of the forty-six past grand masters, secured by the exertions of Bro. W. H. Smythe, their indefatigable grand secretary. There is also a cut of

the masonic hall at Madison, where the grand lodge was organized in 1818.

A scathing rebuke is given in the address to the Grand Master of Pennsylvania for his circular of last year in relation to perpetual jurisdiction. Upon report of the committee on correspondence the language and sentiments expressed were unanimously approved.

The resignation of the junior grand warden was accepted by the grand master, by reason of the removal of that officer from the jurisdiction. This is not in accord with Minnesota law.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

2. After a ballot for the degrees has been declared unanimous and an objection is made to conferring the degrees privately to the worshipful master, and made a matter of record, such objection cannot be withdrawn so as to allow the degrees to be conferred.

5. Where one was entered and passed, and before he received the third degree, by accident lost his right hand, except the thumb, I decided that he was entitled to have the third degree conferred.

The three historians reported progress, and were given an allowance of $250 for future expenses; the Wisconsin plan of relief was fraternally dissented from; and the amendment eliminating the past master's degree as a prior requisite to installation was not adopted.

Bro. William Commons presented his sixth report on correspondence, which it is to be hoped is not his last. Of Minnesota he says:

An oration on The Spirit of Masonry was delivered by the grand orator, Bro. Robert Forbes.

The business of the sessions was easily disposed of by calling the committees and approving their reports.

An excellent report on correspondence is presented by Bro. Irving Todd, in which Indiana for 1895 is well treated.

Under the head of Iowa he observes:

The grand secretary makes his forty-ninth annual report, in which he lectures the grand lodge profoundly. He occupies twenty pages of closely printed matter, and lugs in many things that seem irrelevant. But these are "Parvinisms," and no doubt the grand

lodge has become accustomed to them. Yet he seems to be afflicted with a *cacoethes*, and it certainly required a good degree of forbearance on the part of the grand lodge to refrain from "jawing back." Bro. Parvin's long and eminent services, however, entitle him to some latitude, and he gets all he is entitled to.

M.·. W.·. S. P. Gillett, Evansville, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. N. R. Ruckle, Indianapolis, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1896.

The twenty-third annual communication was held at Muskogee, Aug. 11th and 12th, M.·. W.·. John Coyle, Grand Master. Sixty-eight lodges represented; seventy-two on the roll. Six past grand masters present, our representative among the number.

Five dispensations for new lodges. Membership two thousand, nine hundred, and eight; gain three hundred and twenty-six. Receipts $3,823.05.

The following gratifying paragraph is taken from the annual address:

> It affords me pleasure to advise that the misunderstanding between this grand lodge and that of Missouri has been amicably settled in our favor, and it is a subject of profound pleasure for me to announce that peace and harmony prevail, both at home and abroad.

An elaborate address upon The Name of God was delivered by Bro. R. W. Hill, grand orator; the committee on education reported that thirty-six orphan children were being cared for by subordinate lodges; a collection of $36 was laid upon the altar for charity; an amendment to the constitution was adopted admitting all their past masters to permanent membership, without remuneration; the expenses of special deputies are hereafter to be borne by the lodges requiring their services; the per diem for the ensuing three years was reduced to $2; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The report on correspondence is the handiwork of Bro. L. E. Bennett, a most creditable first attempt in this field of labor. Of Minnesota he writes:

> The grand secretary, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, reports the total receipts at $8,306.20, of which $2,000 was transferred to the widows' and orphans' fund. He says there is a comfortable balance of $11,000 on hand to meet current expenses, besides the handsome sum of $17,679 sacredly set aside for charitable purposes. Good. He has prepared a register of the masons of Minnesota, showing their names, masonic history, etc. He draws an annual salary of $1,250, and well earns every cent of it.
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> Bro. Robert Forbes, grand orator, delivered an oration full of the masonic life.
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> The report on correspondence is, as usual, prepared by Bro. Irving Todd, who handles the various reviews with marked ability. Indian Territory for 1895 is allotted two pages, in which this condenser of condensers touches upon about all of our proceedings.

M.·. W.·. Silas Armstrong, Wyandotte, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. S. Murrow, Atoka, reëlected Grand Secretary and continued as committee on correspondence.

IOWA, 1896.

The fifty-third annual communication was held at Boone, June 2d, 3d, and 4th, M.·. W.·. G. W. Ball, Grand Master. Four hundred and six lodges represented; four hundred and sixty-eight on the roll. Seven past grand masters present.

Ten dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership twenty-six thousand, six hundred, and eighty-seven; gain five hundred and eighty-four. Receipts $24,146.85.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. N. R. Parvin, deputy grand secretary for the past twenty years. There are also cuts of the first masonic hall in Iowa, at Burlington, 1840, the first hall erected for masonic purposes, at Muscatine, 1841, and a facsimile of the petition for the first lodge, at Burlington, 1840.

The trustees of the grand charity fund reported disbursements amounting to $1,620, with a balance on hand of $2,196.95. Their plan is similar to our own, and far preferable to that of a home.

A pleasant local entertainment was provided according to custom the first evening; a representative was appointed to attend the festival of the Grand Lodge of Hungary at its one thousandth anniversary; it was voted to obtain membership in the General Masonic Relief Association; the law in relation to the effects of defunct lodges was amended so that real estate or other property not strictly masonic will not revert to the grand lodge; that every master mason hereafter made must prove his proficiency in open lodge before being allowed to vote, hold office, or dimit therefrom; the use of ciphers in the lodge room was declared a masonic offense; that all applications for permanent relief must be made to the grand lodge ten days before the session; the amendments to the law of dimits was laid over another year; the Wisconsin relief proposition was not concurred in; the Van Leuven case was continued at the request of the accused in order to prepare for trial; and a resolution to restrict the office of grand master to a term of one year was very properly lost.

Bro. J. C. W. Coxe contributed another of his very readable and interesting reports on fraternal correspondence. Under the head of Minnesota we quote:

> The Most Worshipful evidently did his work faithfully, and all went well under his care.
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> The grand secretary condenses his seventh annual report into three pages, which shows an immense amount of work accomplished. The grand lodge register has been completed and nearly indexed. This will prove a work of immense value.
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> The oration by the Rev. Bro. Robert Forbes, D. D., was a worthy successor to the best efforts of the distinguished craftsmen who have hitherto spoken in that jurisdiction, and justly merits the distinction of print which was accorded to it.
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> Bro. Irving Todd is the accomplished and facile writer of the report on correspondence. He reviews fifty-five jurisdictions in his eighty-eight pages in an entertaining manner. Iowa for 1895 is accorded three pages of courteous attention. * * * Bro. Todd quotes in full our references to Minnesota last year, expressing no dissent therefrom, which is gratifying to us.

We accord to Bro. Todd the unquestioned right of criticism upon our annals, but the *motif* of this dig at our venerable grand secretary we do not understand; nor of the following, when referring to the reception tendered the grand lodge the first evening: "The grand secretary, though not on it, interpolates an interesting comparison with the session held there thirty years previous." Even the complimentary phase of this sentence does not take from it the sting which a whip lash is intended to convey. Will Bro. Todd kindly state his real grievance, that we may govern ourselves accordingly? "No more of that, Hal, an' thou lovest me." Be frank, and whip the right horse.

Why bless you, Bro. Coxe, we have no grievance, real or fancied. It struck us rather incongruously that important statistics which might be put into less than twenty pages were omitted and so many pages purely personal were spread upon the records. "Only this and nothing more." The reference to the grand secretary's absence from the programme referred to is a literal quotation from his own words. This year we find statistics galore; names of lodges and lodge officers, list of lodges by numbers, with dates of dispensations and charters, list of lodges with synopsis of returns, list of extinct lodges, list of lodges which have changed their names, list of lodges which have changed their post-offices, list of lodges which have changed their location, list of lodges arranged by names, list of lodges arranged by towns, list of lodges arranged by counties. No other change could be successfully rung in, unless it were a list of lodges in reverse order.

A valuable and exhaustive paper upon Mexican Masonry, by Bro. T. S. Parvin, is made a part of the review, which will be read with interest by the fraternity in general.

M.·. W.·. G. W. Ball, Iowa City, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, Washington, committee on correspondence.

KANSAS, 1896.

The fortieth annual communication was held at Wichita, Feb. 19th and 20th, M.·. W.·. J. H. McCall, Grand Master. Two hundred and eighty lodges represented; three hundred and fifty-one on the roll. Five past grand masters and our representative present.

Three dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered. Membership nineteen thousand, one hundred, and eighty-five; gain two hundred and sixty-nine. Receipts $12,045.57.

The following were among the approved decisions:

1. It is unlawful for the craft to lay the corner stone of an opera house, auditorium, or any building to be erected by an individual or corporation for the purpose of gain. Such ceremonies should be confined exclusively to public buildings, monuments, and structures, religious, educational, and charitable institutions.

2. A lodge should not pass resolutions censuring the acts of any individual or organization, or take any masonic notice of the acts of the profane.

5. A lodge cannot enforce the collection of dues in advance.

7. The committee on investigation, on all petitions received by a lodge, shall make an oral report, and no record shall be made, either on the petition or with the proceedings, indicating the nature of such report.

As a result of his visitations of the year the grand master administers the following vigorous roast:

During my tour among the lodges I witnessed the conferring of all the degrees, and am pleased to report that all the lodges visited, with one exception, are endeavoring to render the work accurately and in strict conformity to that adopted by this grand lodge, thereby obeying the constitution and obligations taken. The one exception mentioned is one of the largest lodges in the state, and one which has earned an enviable reputation for fine ritualistic effects. This lodge, while aiming to give the language of the ritual correctly, departs from the established floor movements and instructions of the work in very many particulars, and injects into the work many features which, while undoubtedly adding to the dramatic effect of a degree and making it most beautiful, has not a particle of warrant of authority in the work in my possession. This grand lodge has spent much time and money in attempting to secure uniformity of

work in the lodges throughout the jurisdiction, and, if each lodge should be permitted to incorporate its own peculiar ideas as to work, all this time and money would have been spent in vain. Freemasonry has existed from time immemorial because no innovation upon its usages, customs, and landmarks have been permitted, and strict compliance with the constitution, laws, rules, and edicts of the grand lodge should be required from all its constituents.

A handsome ivory gavel was presented to the grand master on concluding the reading of his annual address; fraternal greetings were wired two absent past grand masters; a short address was delivered by Bro. H. W. Gleason, grand orator; the sum of $362.75 was appropriated towards the medical treatment of a past grand master since deceased, and the council of administration directed to investigate the condition of another reported in failing health and destitute circumstances; the card system was adopted in lieu of a register, at an estimated cost of $300 for case and cards; a jewel and apron was presented to the retiring grand master; the relief proposition of Wisconsin was rejected as an innovation; and the Gran Dieta of Mexico was recognized.

An able and well written report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. M. M. Miller, who says of Minnesota:

The genial countenance of the grand representative of Kansas, M.·. W.·. Grand Master C. L. Brown, lies before us as we open to the title page.

The address shows that the grand master has labored faithfully for the craft during his term of service.

The committee on ancient landmarks had under consideration a portion of the grand master's address referring to laying corner stones, and makes an excellent report concerning the ceremony and its origin and its lesson.

An oration was delivered by Grand Orator A. S. Crossfield on The Origin of Masonic Principles; the Foundation of the Masonic Society, and What Masonry Is. The orator very properly began with the divine fiat, "Let there be light," tracing masonry's connection with or relation to forms of worship, rites, ceremonies, and societies of ancient days, and thence down to the present. The space covered is too great for us to attempt to extract from the oration, which was a very scholarly production, and worthy of the study of our Minnesota brethren.

Bro. Irving Todd presents the report on correspondence, a concise, carefully studied review of fifty-seven jurisdictions. Being almost exclusively a review, we find little opportunity for comment.

M.·. W.·. C. C. Coleman, Clay Center, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. A. K. Wilson, Topeka, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. M. M. Miller, Topeka, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

KENTUCKY, 1896.

The ninety-seventh annual communication was held at Louisville, Oct. 20th, 21st, and 22d, M.·. W.·. F. C. Gerard, Grand Master. Four hundred and thirty-three lodges represented; four hundred and sixty-nine on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present.

Eleven dispensations for new lodges; six old lodges granted new charters; four charters surrendered and three arrested. Membership eighteen thousand, three hundred, and sixty-seven; gain nine hundred and sixty-eight. Receipts $17,074.82.

Twenty-one decisions were reported, of local interest mainly. We quote:

3. A dimit was granted, but before the certificate of this action had been delivered the brother deserted his family and run away with his cook. Held, under regulation two hundred and seventy-eight, also under the general rule that an act may be rescinded if it has not gone beyond the reach or control of the body, the lodge was authorized to reconsider its action and proceed to a trial.

8. Several days after a candidate is rejected the brother who cast the negative ballot withdrew his objections. Is it necessary to take another ballot? Yes, but the withdrawal must be in open lodge at the first or second stated meeting after the unfavorable ball was cast. Moreover, the brother must at the same time declare that he cast the black ball.

It is doubtful whether two more reprehensible rulings could be embodied in the same space. When a dimit is voted the brother is no longer a member of the lodge, and cannot be re-affiliated by a motion to reconsider. The issu-

ance or delivery of the certificate is immaterial. Neither is it necessary that he be restored to membership as a preliminary to wholesome discipline. Decision eight involves the secrecy of the ballot as well as its reconsideration, a violation of an undisputed landmark.

The grand secretary reported progress in his collection of the past grand masters' portraits, quite an undertaking in an old jurisdiction with a one term rule; a sermon was delivered by Bro. H. R. Coleman, grand chaplain, which was ordered spread upon the proceedings; fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Ohio; the subordinate lodges were authorized to meet any day in June and decorate the graves of their dead; diplomas were limited to one year; the Maine jurisdiction proposition was not concurred in; a portrait of the grand secretary was ordered; the centennial committee reported that $25,000 of the endowment fund for the home had been already subscribed; subordinate lodges were authorized to attend religious worship at any time in a body without a dispensation; gavels were ordered for each retiring grand master; and an informal collection of $79.04 was taken up for the benefit of a distressed brother.

An excellent report on foreign correspondence was again prepared by Bro. W. W. Clarke, from which the following extracts are taken:

> The grand master's address commends itself to the consideration of the craft, and contains much that is of interest beyond his jurisdiction.
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> We wish we had space to quote largely from the oration of the grand orator, the Rev. Bro. Robert Forbes. Not only for the easy flow of the diction and its well rounded sentences, but because it is as true as beautiful, we make the following excerpt.
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> The report on correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd, and is an admirable one. His review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for 1895 is kind and fraternal.

M.·. W.·. R. F. Peak, La Grange, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. H. B. Grant, Louisville, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

LOUISIANA, 1896.

The eighty-fourth annual communication was held at New Orleans, Feb. 10th, 11th, and 12th, M.·. W.·. G. H. Packwood, Grand Master. Seventy-five lodges represented; one hundred and twenty-four on the roll. Six past grand masters present, our representative included.

Five dispensations for new lodges; two lodges consolidated. Membership five thousand, three hundred, and forty-six; gain seventy-one. Receipts $20,535.15.

Although the grand lodge debt has been reduced to $56,000, the outlook is still somewhat discouraging. A suit for taxes is pending in the supreme court of the United States involving over $14,000, the erection of modern buildings has seriously impaired the revenue from rents, and an expenditure of $6,000 is needed to heat the property. A second loan of $20,000 was authorized, if found necessary. Our Louisiana brethren will have ample opportunity to display their financial ability for some time to come.

The Louisiana Relief Lodge reported an expenditure of $839.07 for the year, of which $5 was for applicants from Minnesota.

The amendment to the constitution providing that no one can be elected master of a lodge unless he has served as master or warden was adopted; the matter of a standard monitor was laid over a year; the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized; a special committee was appointed to draft a charter for the establishment of a home for indigent master masons, to report at the next communication; and the salary of the grand lecturer was raised to $1,500.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared as usual by Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, notwithstanding his recent severe illness. Extracts are given from Bro. Brown's address upon the topics of charity and jurisdiction over candidates, with the action of our jurisprudence committee upon the same.

M.·. W.·. A. G. Brice, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. Richard Lambert, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of New Orleans.

MAINE, 1896.

The seventy-seventh annual communication was held at Portland, May 5th, 6th, and 7th, M.·. W.·. A. B. Farnham, Grand Master. One hundred and seventy-six lodges represented; one hundred and ninety-one on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership twenty-one thousand, nine hundred, and fifty-three; gain one hundred and forty-four. Receipts $6,555.23.

The death of Bro. David Cargill, past grand master, was announced.

The Mississippi proposition is the basis of a lengthy and interesting report from the jurisprudence committee upon the question of jurisdiction over rejected candidates, with a summary of the usage in the different grand lodges of the United States, which confirms our opinion that a large majority had abandoned or never adopted this pretense to an interminable ownership which obviously could not be enforced. There is no question as to the old rule, nor of its comparative desuetude in 1853, when the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was organized. The first legislation we had upon the subject was in 1858, as follows:

> *Resolved*, That all applicants for the degrees in masonry shall reside within the jurisdiction of the subordinate lodge to which application is made at least one year previous to making such application.
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> *Resolved*, That the time intervening between a rejection of a candidate in a subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction and a re-application for the degrees in the same shall not be less than six months.

This is still the Minnesota law, with a further resolution in 1869 permitting re-application to a lodge having concurrent jurisdiction after the required probation.

The desirability of uniform legislation is one thing, its practicability quite a different affair. If the several grand lodges would all agree, when a rejected applicant renews his petition, to treat his case according to the law of the jurisdiction where the rejection actually occurred, there

might be a way out of the difficulty without infringing upon fraternal relations. No other compromise seems possible under existing circumstances.

Bro. Drummond's suggestion of a five-year limit as the effect of a rejection would hardly find favor in several of the older jurisdictions, Pennsylvania for instance, and possibly in none of the younger grand bodies adhering to the other extreme.

A defaulting Washington banker, retaining membership in one of their lodges, was summarily expelled for his misconduct; masonic intercourse was suspended with two lodges in Greece; amended regulations with regard to clothing and jewels were adopted and a new supply ordered; the Wisconsin relief proposition was not acceded to; the decisions of the previous year were considerably modified by the committee on jurisprudence, particularly the second, relating to social reunions; and the committee on history reported progress.

The report on foreign correspondence of course was prepared by Bro. J. H. Drummond, the veteran reviewer, from which we quote:

As usual the grand officers opened a master masons' lodge, and, finding that there were one hundred and eighty-nine lodges out of two hundred represented, then opened the grand lodge in ample form; what became of the master masons' lodge does not appear.

A fine oration on The Spirit of Masonry was delivered by Rev. Bro. Robert Forbes, grand orator.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Irving Todd. As heretofore, he gives a carefully prepared extract of the sayings and doings of other grand bodies.

He must excuse us for not conceding the wisdom of his opinion, as we remember that when the Grand Lodge of Maine was organized the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire came here by invitation, *and performed the ceremony in public*, with Simon Greenleaf and other giants of those days participating. Nor can we admit that the dignity of a grand lodge can be affected by performing in public the ceremonies that it performs before the craft.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association at its fourth reunion are published with those of the grand lodge. It contains very able addresses of a historical, literary, and philosophical character of a high order of excellence.

Bro. Drummond's conundrum upon our time honored mode of opening may be answered, Yankee fashion, by asking what becomes of an entered apprentice or fellow craft's lodge when the master mason's lodge is closed in form?

He is of the opinion that the index ordered last year "will be a valuable document, but we suspect that it will be found a greater work and book than was expected." Although a member of the committee, we are unable to state the extent of the proposed compilation or whether anything has been done by our colleagues. We know nothing of the matter other than published in the 1896 proceedings.

The public installation of grand lodge officers is one of the very few topics upon which we are called to disagree with our learned brother. The precedents are admitted only as exceptions to the general rule.

Under the head of South Dakota he says:

> The name foreign correspondence has been used for nearly a century, and everybody understands that it refers to correspondence from outside the jurisdiction; there is nothing unfraternal, or suggestive of anything unfraternal, in the name. There is no more reason for changing the name than there is for designating the grand master's address as the fraternal address. In fact, it is difficult to perceive how any masonic correspondence can be other than fraternal.

Under Wyoming is found the following:

> We regret that the constitution limits eligibility to office to members of the grand lodge, except the grand tyler. As that officer is a member of the grand lodge, this provision is one of policy, and is not based upon the erroneous idea that an officer of a grand lodge can be taken only from its members. However, as all the past masters of the jurisdiction are members of the grand lodge, it is not a matter of so much consequence; but still we dislike to see any provision in the constitution of a grand lodge which ties its hands from taking any mason in the jurisdiction for any office, except those which in their nature must be filled by a past master.

Under Mexico there is an interesting account of masonry upon the grand orient plan. His objection to recognition of the Gran Dieta is not that it was organized by

lodges in part chartered by the supreme council, which he holds to be as regular as those chartered by the York Rite, but that the great light is not required upon their altars. The argument is calm and dispassionate, and well fortified by undisputed facts.

M.·. W.·. A. B. Farnham, Bangor, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary, were reëlected. Bro. J. H. Drummond, Portland, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

MANITOBA, 1896.

The twenty-first annual communication was held at Winnipeg, June 10th and 11th, M.·. W.·. C. N. Bell, Grand Master. Forty-three lodges represented; fifty-four on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges; one charter lapsed. Membership two thousand, four hundred, and thirteen; gain eighty. Receipts $2,495.93.

The grand master reported a large number of special dispensations, seventeen of which were to wear regalia at divine service, and recommended that the latter be provided for by constitutional amendment, which failed upon its final passage. If the practice of attending church as a lodge is to be continued, as it doubtless will be, the grand officers should have been relieved of this onerous portion of their duties.

Two brethren from the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario were stated to have been formally healed upon producing a dimit from the clandestine lodges and paying a fee of $10 each. The money part is all well enough, but the value of the documents referred to is not so apparent. They are only reminiscences of a reminiscence.

The communication was held in the handsome new temple, referred to in the address as being "the only building in Canada erected and owned by masons, which is exclusively devoted to masonic purposes. It is a monument to the liberality and energy of the Winnipeg brethren."

The following paragraph is taken from the report of the librarian:

The publications received through the influence of Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, are too numerous to mention in detail, but they constitute almost a library in themselves, and they will appear in the catalogue soon to be issued.

Referring to the recent donation of the records and other property of Northern Light Lodge No. 68, the committee on foreign correspondence report:

We are especially gratified at the receipt of the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota adopted at its last annual communication, in response to a resolution passed by the masonic lodges of the city of Winnipeg, expressive of the friendship and good will which we hold towards the brethren of our sister jurisdiction of Minnesota, and which was passed at a time when appearances led to the opinion that there might be a conflict between the two great English-speaking nations of the world. We thoroughly appreciate and heartily reciprocate the fraternal sentiments therein expressed, and sincerely express the hope that nothing will ever occur to disturb the harmony that has always existed between these two grand bodies.

This was supplemented by the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this grand lodge be conveyed to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for its kindness in donating to this grand lodge the books, records, and property of Northern Light Lodge No. 68.

Several minor amendments were made to the constitution and about a dozen more declared lost; thanks were returned to a local lodge for the use of its regalia; the rank of past district deputy grand master was conferred upon eight brethren; a handsome chain collar was presented to Bro. Thomas Tweed, past grand master; and a resolution was adopted declaring it unmasonic to give to the press any of the business transactions of subordinate lodges without the consent of the grand master.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.·. W.·. Corbet Locke, Morden, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. W. G. Scott, Winnipeg, reëlected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1895.

The semi-annual communication was held at Baltimore, May 14th, M.·. W.·. T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. There was no regular address, only a verbal report of the condition of the craft.

The proceedings are prefaced with a page in which it is officially reported that the grand master had a week previous made a mason at sight of one H. K. Walker, minister of the gospel, aged thirty-three years. The example of Pennsylvania it seems has proven contagious. While not disputing the prerogative, this does not appear to be a case of emergency sufficient to justify its exercise.

The special committee of last year appointed to consider a resolution that the laying of corner stones, burial of the dead, etc., should be performed by a lodge at labor in the third degree submitted a majority and minority report. The latter was an exhaustive review of the subject in the affirmative by Bro. E. T. Schultz, and very properly adopted.

A memorial page is given to Bro. H. B. Jones, past junior grand warden and our representative.

The one hundred and ninth annual communication was held at Baltimore, Nov. 19th and 20th, M.·. W.·. T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. The ninety-four lodges all represented. One past grand master present.

Membership six thousand, eight hundred, and ninety-two; gain two hundred and seventy-one. Receipts $15,693.78.

One case of discipline was reported by the grand master, a lodge having elected a man of notorious character, who had been expelled by the legislature for malfeasance in office. He received no degrees, and the fee was returned.

An appropriation of $100 was made to replace the monument erected to Bro. John Crawford, past grand master, who died in 1813.

Bro. E. T. Schultz contributed another of his well written reports on foreign correspondence, with the customary fraternal notice of Minnesota. He says:

The grand orator, Bro. A. S. Crossfield, delivered an interesting address, which appears printed in the appendix.

Bro. Irving Todd again presented an interesting report on correspondence. * * * A brief notice is given to our 1893 special and annual communication, but without comment.

The conclusion is a vigorous protest against the promulgation of the esoteric work in writing by several of our grand lodges, in which we heartily concur. It is an extremely dangerous innovation in the body of masonry.

M.·. W.·. T. J. Shryock, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. J. H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. E. T. Schultz, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1895.

At the June quarterly a large number of amendments to the constitution were adopted; a committee was appointed to prepare a revised digest; a contribution of $5,000 was received from Bro. J. H. Collamore towards a charity fund; and the portrait of Bro. John Soley, grand master in 1827-9, was received from a grandson.

At the September quarterly the damage to the temple by fire was under consideration, the matter of rebuilding being left to the board of directors; another donation of $5,000 for the charity fund was received from Bro. J. H. Collamore.

The annual communication was held at Boston, Dec. 11th, M.·. W.·. E. B. Holmes, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-nine lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-four on the roll. Six past grand masters present.

Membership thirty-five thousand, nine hundred, and thirteen; gain twelve hundred and ten. Receipts $36,946.06.

The amount of insurance realized upon the temple and contents was reported at $110,179.70; the completion of the first volume of their proceedings, 1733 to 1792, inclusive, was announced; the balance in the grand charity fund was given at $105,183.50, in the Sigourney fund at $6,145.78;

and Bro. J. H. Collamore repeated his donation of $5,000 for the charity fund to be known under his name.

A stated communication was held on St. John's Day, at which the grand officers were installed and the annual feast celebrated.

Sixteen special communications were held during the year, four of which were centennial anniversaries. Several of the historical addresses delivered on these occasions are valuable contributions to masonic literature.

M.·. W.·. E. B. Holmes, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. S. D. Nickerson, Recording Grand Secretary, were reëlected; both of Boston.

MICHIGAN, 1896.

The fifty-second annual communication was held at Saginaw, Jan. 28th and 29th, M.·. W.·. E. L. Bowring, Grand Master. Three hundred and seventy-three lodges represented; three hundred and seventy-seven on the roll. Seventeen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges; two lodges consolidated. Membership thirty-seven thousand, seven hundred, and six; gain one thousand and three. Receipts $13,901.60.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The death of Bro. Michael Shoemaker, past grand master, was announced.

The following decision was among the twenty-two reported:

3. Masonic lodges render themselves amenable to masonic discipline by incorporating under acts of the legislature authorizing them to do so. It is a direct violation of the edict of this grand lodge proclaimed in 1868. The reasons are that by incorporating the lodges subject themselves and their internal government to the jurisdiction of the civil courts, to whom the ill-affected may resort, and a production of the books and papers and proceedings may be compelled and submitted to public inspection. The courts would also have jurisdiction over the election of officers and the discipline administered by such lodges. Masonic rights and duties might, under

certain circumstances, become corporate rights and duties, and thus become the subject of investigation and determination in the courts, and the lodge and grand lodge be deprived of their lawful jurisdiction over masonic affairs. To incorporate is to make an innovation in the body of masonry.

The grand master reported the granting of a special dispensation to confer the degrees upon a profane, waiving all fees and the usual requirements, under what he is pleased to term peculiar circumstances. The gentleman was present at a lodge meeting as an invited guest, according to his own statement, and witnessed the conferring of a portion of the second section of the third degree, supposing it to be open to the public. Peculiar is hardly a suitable term for the mortifying admission of a lack of ordinary prudence.

The grand secretary submitted his fourth annual report in rhyme, quite an amusing jingle; the annual petition of the notorious C. C. Burt for reinstatement was received and denied; a new ritual for opening and closing the grand lodge was adopted; the special committee reported their revision of the Webb-Fenton Monitor, which is to be printed and used a year before final adoption; recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand; the tender of the masonic home to the grand lodge was again declined, by a vote of five hundred and seventy-three to five hundred and ten; the History of Freemasonry in Michigan being prepared by the grand secretary was commended to the fraternity; the proposition to pay no representative in excess of the per capita collected from his lodge was rejected, the committee on jurisprudence holding that it was an injustice to the small lodges; a committeeman was provided for upon the Washington centennial; an amendment assessing $1 for every degree conferred, to go into the masonic home fund, was lost for want of a two-thirds' vote; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

The grand secretary applied his condenser to the correspondence report, rather overdoing the matter in our humble opinion. He says:

Bro. Irving Todd submits, as usual, the report on correspondence, to which he devotes one hundred pages, Michigan for 1894 receiving three of them, in which the work of that session was briefly and fairly reviewed.

M.·. W.·. J. J. Carton, Flint, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. S. Conover, Coldwater, reëlected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1896.

The seventy-eighth annual communication was held at Jackson, Feb. 20th and 21st, M.·. W.·. J. T. Harrison, Grand Master. His portrait is given as a frontispiece. Two hundred and thirty-six lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-nine on the roll. Twelve past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges; two charters arrested. Membership eight thousand, eight hundred, and ninety-one; gain ninety-six. Receipts $6,911.59.

The death of Bro. J. M. Ware, past grand master, was announced.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was recognized; the usual budget of decisions was reported by the committee on masonic law and jurisprudence, of local interest only; the sympathies of the grand lodge were wired to Bro. John Riley, past grand master, then lying at the point of death; the Grand Lodge of Victoria was recognized; the existence of a prerogative to make a mason at sight was denied by resolution; an annual assessment of two and a half cents for a charity fund and seven and a half cents for a relief fund was made upon the lodges for every member borne upon their rolls; six masters elect were installed by the grand master; the new digest of Bro. Frederick Speed was ordered printed; the per capita tax for the masonic home was increased from twenty-five to fifty cents; the saloon law was interpreted to include dealers at wholesale as well as retail; a generous collection was taken up for the benefit of a blind brother; the matter of assuming control of the orphan asylum at Natchez was referred to a special committee, to report next year; and the deputy grand master,

after being installed, proved not to be a past master and subsequently resigned, the vacancy being filled by appointment.

Bro. A. H. Barkley contributed another of his sensible reports on foreign correspondence. Of Minnesota he writes:

> For all this the brethren came to the conclusion that they ought not to change grand masters, so they just kept the grand master in office for another year. Served him right.
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> The Origin of Masonic Principles, the Foundation of the Masonic Society, and What Masonry Is, were the subjects of an admirable address delivered by Bro. A. S. Crossfield.
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> Past Grand Master Irving Todd, in his own familiar way, which is his leading characteristic as a writer, gave another first-class report. The proceedings of Mississippi for 1894 held an important place in this review.

Our esteemed brother seems determined on the title, notwithstanding repeated corrections. We can't all be brigadiers; there must be a few privates for the sake of appearances.

M.·. W.·. J. F. McCool, Kosciusko, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. L. Power, Jackson, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. H. Barkley, Crawford, correspondence reporter.

MISSOURI, 1896.

The seventy-sixth annual communication was held at St. Louis, Oct. 20th, 21st, and 22d, M.·. W.·. A. M. Hough, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy lodges represented; five hundred and sixty-three on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Five dispensations for new lodges; two charters arrested and one surrendered; one consolidation. Membership thirty thousand, six hundred, and six. Receipts $31,011.

The grand secretary filed his annual complaint against delinquent lodges, thirty-one having failed to report and twenty-one others to pay dues. The subordinate lodges are still worse off, the amount due from members on the

books of those reporting being $41,722.91. A little shot gun legislation would be profitable to all concerned.

The Wisconsin relief proposition was not adopted; the report of the masonic home shows receipts $16,861.41, expenditures $21,419.86, number of inmates one hundred and four; connection with the general board of relief was withdrawn; minimum fee for the three degrees was reduced from $30 to $20, a step in the wrong direction; two copies only of the proceedings are hereafter to be sent to subordinate lodges, mistaken economy; and it was recommended to promptly enforce the law against all delinquents for dues.

The grand secretary submitted another of his uniformly able reports on foreign correspondence, the nineteenth, with the following pleasant words for Minnesota:

> The same committee characterized the address of the grand master as an able document, and said his words are like "apples of gold in pictures of silver." I join very cordially in indorsing the above tribute to M.·. W.·. Bro. Brown on this, his closing address to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in rounding up his second term of service.
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> The report of the grand secretary, Bro. Montgomery, was a good document, treating general subjects in a thorough business way.
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> Bro. Irving Todd reviewed fifty-five grand lodge journals. The report is shorter than those rendered heretofore, covering only eighty-eight pages. Like his other annual reviews, the transactions of grand lodges received brief but terse notices, comprising condensed summaries of the matters considered. The review contains but few extracts. Our Missouri proceedings for 1895 received the courtesy of two pages, in which our doings were noted with the usual particularity. While commending the work of Bro. Todd as a gleaner, I express the wish that his work might be seasoned with more comments.
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> The journal under consideration contains proceedings of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Minnesota, which held its fourth annual reunion during the sitting of the grand lodge. This is a very interesting addendum to the journal of that session.

He is clearly of the opinion that the national flag should not only wave over state institutions and school-houses, but also over all masonic homes and halls, discoursing most eloquently upon the subject. Patriotism is one of the cardinal virtues, in which Bro. Vincil is evidently not lacking by any means.

Under the head of Connecticut is found the following pertinent reference to a topic just now eliciting considerable attention among the leading thinkers of the fraternity:

Bro. Barlow in his review announced, "Connecticut holds to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates." I would like for him to explain how jurisdiction over rejected material can be made effectual when it is impossible to enforce the claim or doctrine. That which is established and maintained as a masonic dogma ought to be of such nature that it can be of universal application. To hold otherwise is to hold to a fragmentary thing, a mere figment. No one can maintain and establish the claim that jurisdiction over material rejected by a subordinate lodge in one state can be made perpetual as applied to other jurisdictions. It may hold good in Connecticut, but for them to project their claim into Missouri and dictate the terms on which our lodges shall govern themselves, as to receiving the application for the degrees, is arrogant and therefore destroys the universality of the rule. Hence perpetual jurisdiction must be not only fragmentary in its nature, but of no force and effect outside of the jurisdiction that contends for it.

Under District of Columbia he says:

His report embraces notices of some foreign grand lodges, and concludes with reference to the institution in Mexico known as the Gran Dieta. He incorporated in his notice a letter from the venerable Bro. T. S. Parvin, grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. From said letter, and from other data in my possession, I cannot join Bro. Singleton in views held by him respecting the propriety of our recognizing as a legitimate body the Gran Dieta of Mexico.

As Missouri had a chartered lodge in the city of Mexico at the time the Gran Dieta was organized, the opinion carries more than ordinary weight.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia is scored for its law expelling masons for non-payment of dues; the origin of masonry is held of no consequence as compared to the living present; the cipher system is vigorously condemned; no expenditure by the fraternity is believed to bring such rich returns as the masonic home; fails to see any great loss had the systems above the three symbolic degrees never been created, in which we concur; the making of masons at sight is put upon the same basis as dispensations to confer

degrees out of time; the public installation of lodge officers is termed an innocent performance; and the one year term in the grand east is commended.

A note upon the cover states that the work of mailing the proceedings was begun in three working days after the close of the session. Would that the example might prove infectious.

M.·. W.·. D. A. Jamison, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. D. Vincil reëlected Grand Secretary; both of St. Louis.

MONTANA, 1896.

The thirty-second annual communication was held at Butte, Sept. 16th and 17th, M.·. W.·. J. H. Mills, Grand Master. His portrait is given in its appropriate place. Thirty-seven lodges represented; forty on the roll. Nine past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership two thousand, six hundred, and twenty-six; gain one hundred and thirty-five. Receipts $5,119.15.

The death of Bro. J. G. Smith, the first mason made in what is now Montana, 1863, was announced.

Eight decisions were reported and approved, among them being the following:

1. A brother who has not served as warden of a chartered lodge cannot be legally elected worshipful master of a lodge while there are other members of the lodge in good standing who have served as wardens in chartered lodges, and who have not declined election as worshipful master.

2. A lodge may exist and its papers be authenticated without a seal; but the failure of lodges having a seal to so authenticate their papers is due to carelessness that should not continue.

3. The laying of corner stones is the exclusive prerogative of grand lodge.

5. It is in violation of established usage in this jurisdiction to name a lodge after a person who is living.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and the Gran Dieta of Mexico were recognized; thanks were returned to a daughter of Bro. R. C. Hickman for a portrait of the late past

grand master; concurrent jurisdiction was defined by the committee on jurisprudence as referring only to profanes who have never petitioned for the degrees; Bro. Lee Mantle, United States senator, was raised to the sublime degree of a master mason by a lodge under dispensation, in the presence of the grand lodge; the grand master decided that under their constitution a brother who was both a past master and the present master of a lodge was entitled to two votes, the decision being sustained upon an appeal from the chair; an amendment to the by-laws was subsequently reported by the jurisprudence committee and adopted, restricting such officers to one vote in their present capacity only; the jurisprudence committee decided that an elective grand officer could transfer his membership from one subordinate lodge to another without vacating his office; the annual appropriation to the charity fund was reduced from fifteen per cent of the receipts to five; the furnishing of lodge supplies at cost was magnanimously turned over to the grand secretary; the compiler of a new monitor was authorized to publish the same by giving one copy to each subordinate lodge and five to the grand lodge, which will about supply the demand, leaving nothing for the printing; he will never issue a second edition upon these terms; the signet ring was turned over to the grand master elect, and the usual testimonial was authorized for the retiring grand master.

A postscript adds there was no banquet, in accordance with the action of last year; no wonder the record closes with a frank admission that "the attempt to render Burns' Adieu resulted in a bloodless massacre." Did not the Psalmist say, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

The accustomed report on fraternal correspondence is served up by the grand secretary in his very best style. From the review of Minnesota the following paragraphs are taken:

> The address is excellent and the decisions sound, though covering a wide range of subjects.
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> Bro. Grand Secretary Montgomery, having completed his grand register, is now engaged in indexing. He has done a great work,

discovered and corrected legions of errors. He is progressive, and wants the best.

Relief is liberally bestowed, and the pension of Mrs. Pierson is continued in loyal recognition of duty and affection to the dead.

In the appendix is an oration of rare beauty by the Rev. Bro. Robert Forbes, which will do any one good to read. His subject is The Spirit of Masonry. If all masons had the spirit of which he speaks this would be a brighter world.

Bro. Irving Todd is again the responsible author of the concise review of the yearly harvest of proceedings. His condensing apparatus is always in working order, and, withal, he indulges moderately and discriminatingly in extracts.

The last forty pages contain the transactions of the Masonic Veterans' Association, at its fourth meeting. It is beyond all comparison the best, in the permanent value of its proceedings, of anything that we have ever seen. The addresses of President Metcalf, Past Grand Master Kiester, and Bro. Baldwin, recently returned from Jerusalem, are well worth reading and preserving. It leads off in a direction that has great promise of utility to the craft, and we hope the example will have imitators in every jurisdiction. It will keep the older brethren in the line of masonic work, full as profitable as the ordinary lodge work.

Bro. Hedges is of the opinion that the signature of the secretary to the lodge minutes is sufficient; that the use of cipher rituals is commendable, with proper care; that a masonic home needs cold facts rather than warm sentiment to build on; that modest, occasional banquets are a good thing; that abandoning the harsh rule of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material is not an innovation; that the charity of to-day isn't worth a rush for general wear; that every nation ought to have some high court of appeal to settle and establish verbal reforms; that dimit is the proper word, instead of demit; that the rule of physical perfection is absurd; that none but good effects have been noted from the Eastern Star movement; and that publicity is not such a dangerous thing after all.

M.·. W.·. C. H. Gould, Miles City, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. Cornelius Hedges, Helena, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued as chairman of the committee on correspondence.

NEVADA, 1896.

A special communication was held at Dayton, Oct. 8th, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. J. C. Hazlett, Grand Master, and another at Carson City, April 15th, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. J. E. Jones, past grand master and governor of the state.

The thirty-second annual communication was held at Winnemucca, June 9th and 10th, R.·. W.·. Enoch Strother, Deputy Grand Master. Sixteen lodges represented; nineteen on the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership nine hundred and forty-eight; loss eight. Receipts $1,600.50.

The following decision was approved:

> Does the loss of a thumb from the left hand incapacitate a person for masonic labor under decision ninety-eight, page seventy-four, Digest of Decisions? No.

The committee on jurisprudence held adversely to mixed funerals, a correct conclusion.

Bro. Robert Lewers prepared a brief but enjoyable report on foreign correspondence, quoting from our annual address and oration of the current year. He adds:

> Bro. Irving Todd presents a very readable correspondence report, and gives Nevada a pleasant notice for 1895. He advises the omission of the roll of membership in the subordinate lodges rather than the correspondence report, and we think his advice is sound. Bro. Todd, we will omit neither this time, and hope that the Nevada correspondence report will never again be omitted.

A digest of decisions concludes the interesting paper.

M.·. W.·. Enoch Strother, Virginia City, Grand Master; V.·. W.·. C. N. Noteware, Carson City, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Robert Lewers, Reno, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1895.

The grand lodge met at St. John, Aug. 27th, but as the grand master and many of the active members were absent at the Triennial in Boston a recess of a month was taken.

The twenty-eighth annual communication was held at St. John, Sept. 26th and 27th, M.·. W.·. Thomas Walker, Grand Master. Twenty-three lodges represented; thirty-one on the roll. Our representative in the grand east.

Membership seventeen hundred and fifty-seven; loss thirty-one. Receipts $2,030.

Bro. Roderick McNeill, Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, was among the visitors.

The death of Bro. B. L. Peters, past grand master, was announced. A lodge of sorrow was held in his memory, Dec. 18th, the proceedings of which are given in the appendix.

M.·. W.·. J. T. Whitlock, St. Stephen, Grand Master; V.·. W.·. F. W. Wisdom, St. John, reëlected Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1896.

The one hundred and seventh annual communication was held at Concord, May 20th, M.·. W.·. C. C. Hayes, Grand Master. Fifty-two lodges represented; seventy-seven on the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One charter surrendered. Membership eight thousand, nine hundred, and sixty-three; gain one hundred and twenty-five. Receipts $2,995.64.

The grand master reports a great many requests for dispensations to confer degrees out of time, none of which were granted. A large number were issued, however, to attend divine service, to publicly dedicate new halls, to publicly install officers, etc.

Four decisions were reported and approved, two of which are reproduced:

1. A lodge made a mistake in printing its calendars, and by reason of said mistake held its stated communication on the wrong date, and balloted on several applications. Although the mistake was not intended the supposed stated communication was practically a special communication, consequently all ballots taken at that time must be considered as illegal and the applications balloted upon at the next stated communication.

4. That after a man has been elected to receive the degrees in a lodge he cannot be prevented from receiving the same by objections being made to the worshipful master by a member of some other lodge.

The Mississippi and Wisconsin propositions were not concurred in; new collars and aprons were ordered for the grand officers; the grand secretary was authorized to procure a long distance telephone; the facsimile of a note from Lafayette, the gift of a brother, appears in the proceedings; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

Bro. A. S. Wait contributed another of his able and scholarly reports on foreign correspondence. Under the head of Minnesota we find the following:

The grand master reports having decided that the reversal by the grand lodge of a judgment of suspension by a subordinate lodge operates to restore the suspended brother to membership in his lodge. In reporting this decision he says that the old trial code which provided to the contrary was repealed by the new code of 1887. We are glad to be able to say that there are now very few American grand lodge jurisdictions where the law has not in this respect been brought into conformity with the present law of our brethren of Minnesota. The decision was approved by the committee on jurisprudence and affirmed by the grand lodge.

Bro. Irving Todd furnishes the report on foreign correspondence, which covers eighty-eight pages, and reviews the proceedings of fifty-five sister grand lodges, including New Hampshire for 1895. The reference to our proceedings, as in all other cases, is fraternal and kind. The reports of Bro. Todd are always replete with correct and valuable information relating to the craft, and we read them with pleasure and recommend them to the attentive perusal of our brethren.

We failed to say in the proper place that during the communication an interesting oration was delivered before the grand body by the Rev. Bro. Robert Forbes, grand orator, his chosen theme being The Spirit of Masonry.

Appended to the proceedings is an account of the fourth annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association, held on the 14th and 15th days of January, with its proceedings in detail, which gives much additional interest to the publication containing the transactions of the year.

Bro. Wait holds that the practice of using ciphers has gone too far to admit of correction; that the relationship of the Eastern Star gives its members a well recognized claim upon the fraternity; that there is no invidiousness perceptible in the term foreign correspondence; that the making of a mason at sight is a grand master's prerogative; that the degrees of symbolic masonry are not of modern origin; that the Gran Dieta of Mexico will eventually be recognized by all the grand lodges; and that a mason has the right of affiliation regardless of residence.

M.·. W.·. H. A. Marsh, Nashua, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. G. P. Cleaves, Concord, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. S. Wait, Newport, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW JERSEY, 1896.

The one hundred and ninth annual communication was held at Trenton, Jan. 29th and 30th, M.·. W.·. Charles Belcher, Grand Master. His portrait faces the title page. One hundred and sixty lodges represented; one hundred and sixty-four on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership fifteen thousand, six hundred, and eighty-six; gain four hundred and forty-one. Receipts $10,196.59.

Among the visitors were a number of the grand officers from New York and Pennsylvania.

The grand master reports the making of a mason at sight; the personal examination of thirty candidates for the degrees, thirteen of whom were found eligible and seventeen ineligible; the examination of one hundred and fifty-eight lodge by-laws, with only twenty fully complying

with grand lodge requirements; the granting of thirty-one special dispensations for various purposes; the attendance at the several district lodges of instruction; the constituting of the two new lodges in person; the suspension of half a dozen masters of lodges for violation of grand lodge regulations; the refusal of a number of requests for the public installation of lodge officers; the unveiling of the monument to Bro. Henry Vehslage, past grand master, and the acting as peacemaker in cases of differences among the brethren. It was truly a busy year for Bro. Belcher.

A resolution prohibiting the use of robes in conferring the degrees was indefinitely postponed; the invitation from Colorado to join in the Washington memorial was declined upon the ground that it would be an invasion of the territory of Virginia and the District of Columbia; the special committee reported that they had secured portraits of all the past grand masters, had them framed and hung upon the walls of the grand master's room; the committee on history made a verbal report and was continued; the resolution for a masonic congress to be held in England was referred to the grand master; the salary of the grand secretary was increased to $2,000 and the appropriation for the committee on foreign correspondence to $300; the sum of $156 was appropriated to reimburse the Grand Lodge of California for the relief of one of their members; the public installation of lodge officers was prohibited by resolution as being contrary to the spirit and teachings of the fraternity; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

Bro. G. B. Edwards presented a very creditable report on foreign correspondence, having had considerable experience in similar fields of labor. Of Minnesota he writes:

> The grand orator delivered the annual oration, which was of much interest and a scholarly production. It is with regret that it cannot be transcribed as a whole for the edification of this constituency. This reviewer has tried to prepare a résumé in condensed form, but has utterly failed to reduce the oration to the means at his disposal without the emasculation of essentials.
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> Bro. Irving Todd presented the correspondence report on behalf of the committee.

He defends their 1894 decision, that one acting as counsel cannot be deprived of his right of vote as a member, saying "there is no estoppel of the vote of a member in good standing." There is in Minnesota, where in case of a lodge trial the accuser and accused, their counsel, all parties personally interested in the prosecution of the charges, and visiting brethren are obliged to retire before the question is discussed and decided. This is believed to be sound law.

M.·. W.·. G. W. Fortmeyer, East Orange, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. T. H. R. Redway, Trenton, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. G. B. Edwards, Jersey City, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW MEXICO, 1895.

The eighteenth annual communication was held at Albuquerque, Oct. 7th and 8th, M.·. W.·. J. J. Kelly, Grand Master. Fifteen lodges represented; twenty on the roll. Seven past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership eight hundred and eighty-three; gain forty-three. Receipts $1,002.

The portraits are of Bro. A. H. Morehead and Bro. F. H. Kent, past grand masters.

The committee on revision of grand lodge by-laws was granted further time; the new hall of Temple Lodge was publicly dedicated the first evening; a proposition to pay mileage to representatives was tabled; action upon the Wisconsin relief proposition was deferred a year; a constitutional amendment depriving grand officers of a vote at elections was submitted to the subordinate lodges for action, rather a novel departure; the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and the Grand Lodge of Victoria were recognized; and the masters of lodges were instructed to charge all newly raised master masons to become proficient in the first and second sections of that degree.

From Bro. Max Frost's brief report on foreign correspondence is reproduced the following paragraph:

Bro. Irving Todd submits another of his interesting foreign correspondence committee reports of one hundred and two pages. Therein I find New Mexico's 1893 communication kindly mentioned.

He thinks the question of non-affiliates is best settled by being left alone; that we are not bound by any ties whatsoever to an entered apprentice, or he to us; that no man should be initiated in an English-speaking lodge unless he understands, speaks, reads, and writes the English language; and that there is neither utility nor justice in making a mason at sight.

M.·. W.·. J. H. Wroth, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. A. A. Keen, reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Albuquerque; Bro. Max Frost, Santa Fe, committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW YORK, 1896.

The one hundred and fifteenth annual communication was held at New York, June 2d, 3d, and 4th, M.·. W.·. John Stewart, Grand Master. Seven hundred and thirty lodges represented; seven hundred and thirty-seven on the roll. Eleven past grand masters and our representative present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested. Membership ninety thousand, eight hundred, and seventy-four; gain two thousand, three hundred, and one. Receipts $74,071.90.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. Oscar Coles, past grand master.

Among the deaths announced were Bro. John Hodge, past grand master, and Bro. H. G. Carter, past grand librarian.

Several grand officers from Pennsylvania and New Jersey were among the distinguished visitors.

The following interesting paragraph is taken from the fifteenth annual report of the grand secretary:

The brother who, more than fifty years ago, while filling the office of grand secretary, evolved the idea of building a hall in this city out of the revenues of which should be erected and maintained a home for the indigent brother, the destitute widow, and the helpless orphan, "builded better than he knew." Among the one hundred and fifty-one inmates of our home is the daughter of the founder of the hall and asylum fund.

The reports of the masonic home give the current expenses at $28,653.48; average number of inmates, one hundred and thirty-five; cost per capita, $212.25. A separate building is being erected for the children instead of the proposed addition to the east wing.

The grand librarian reported the completion of the new card catalogue; the committee on antiquities have secured the apron worn by Lafayette when knighted in Morton Commandery, New York, in 1824; the trust fund created by Mrs. A. D. Joyce for the benefit of the children has increased from the original $15 to $1,108 during the year; the board of relief donated $20 to three applicants from Minnesota; the grand officers were reëlected by acclamation, with the exception of a change in grand treasurer; the new constitution was adopted and printed in the proceedings; the applications of the Grand Lodge of Chili and the Grand Lodge of San Domingo for recognition were declined for want of definite information as to their present status as independent grand lodges of symbolic masonry; the legitimacy of master masons made in lodges created by a supreme council in any country where it is the dominant rite was recognized, the Grand Orient of France alone excepted; a special committee was appointed to rearrange the several masonic districts; and an oil portrait of the late Bro. John Hodge, past grand master, was presented by various brethren.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. J. B. Anthony, with reviews of foreign grand bodies by Bro. Ernest Ringer. Of Minnesota he says, among other things:

A just recognition of the past services of one who stood at the head and front of freemasonry in this jurisdiction was exhibited

by the almost unanimous action of the grand lodge, in the rejection of the resolution proposing to reduce the yearly appropriation heretofore allowed the widow of the deceased grand lodge officer.

The oration, The Spirit of Masonry by R.·. W.·. and Rev. Robert Forbes, grand orator, is a fine effort. We would gladly present the concluding paragraphs had we the space.

The report on correspondence is an excellent synopsis of the proceedings of fifty-five grand bodies by W.·. Irving Todd. New York for 1895 has courteous attention.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Minnesota at its fourth annual reunion are to be found in the appendix. The following, to be found in the president's report, has a local interest. The suggestion of honorary membership was confirmed.

Bro. Anthony propounds the following inquiry:

Admitting that possibly women may have been made masons in Mexico in the *past*, even elected and installed as officers, the question is, how is it *now*?

A satisfactory answer can hardly be given, where the testimony is so meagre and conflicting. The Gran Dieta, it is claimed, has discontinued the practice of conferring degrees upon women and of granting charters to lodges with women as officers, but this action is too recent to be accepted as an established fact by the great body of the craft. Nor is it clearly understood how members in good standing can be legislated out of the fraternity by the wholesale. May we ask what is the present status of a woman in Mexico who has been regularly initiated, passed, and raised in a lawfully constituted lodge?

The Grand Lodge of New York formally recognized the Gran Dieta before this objectionable feature was eliminated from Mexican masonry, if indeed it has been so expunged or obliterated from their system. After a lapse of two years a second objection to recognition is met by acknowledging the legitimacy of master masons under the obedience of supreme councils wherever the ancient and accepted is the dominant rite. This has been tacitly conceded by many of our grand lodges in the admission of visitors hailing from lodges chartered by grand orients, etc., and is sustained by the best authorities. A third objection

is their law requiring the book of constitutions upon the altar instead of the great light, in violation of an undisputed landmark. Is the Grand Lodge of New York prepared to legislate upon this fundamental principle of freemasonry?

Bro. Anthony is of the opinion that the less grand lodges have to do with relief associations the better it will be for them; that the experience of New York with its law of dimits has been in its favor; that within certain limits a lodge should control the disposition of its surplus funds; that a grand lodge has some rights which a grand secretary is bound to respect, even in Iowa; that clergymen should pay the same fees as any one else; that it is an ancient custom for a past master to open a lodge in the absence of the master and wardens; and that Minneapolis No. 19 still has the largest lodge membership in the country, eight hundred and three.

M.·. W.·. John Stewart, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, were reëlected, both of New York; Bro. J. B. Anthony, Utica, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW ZEALAND, 1896.

The half yearly communication was held at Auckland, Oct. 30th, M.·. W.·. F. H. D. Bell, Grand Master.

The board of general purposes reported the granting of a charter for a new lodge, and that another had been granted by the Grand Lodge of England, which led to the adoption of the following:

> That, to avoid any future misapprehension, this grand lodge asserts its sovereign rights as the supreme masonic governing body in and for the colony of New Zealand, and protests against any attempt to invade the territory of New Zealand as being contrary to well established masonic law.

This was carried unanimously and ordered forwarded to all grand jurisdictions in fraternal communion.

A number of amendments to the constitution were adopted; thanks were extended to the American reviewers for their kindly notices; and a suit of regalia was presented to Bro. Malcolm Niccol, past grand master.

The sixth annual communication was held at Dunedin, April 30th, M.·. W.·. Malcolm Niccol as Grand Master.

The death of Bro. E. T. Gillon, past grand master, was announced.

The board of general purposes reported the constitution of two new lodges, and that the grand master was then in England with the hope of obtaining recognition.

An appropriation of £50 was made for a headstone and railing at the grave of Bro. E. T. Gillon; the office of the grand lodge was removed to Dunedin; and a banquet was given at the close of the installation ceremonies.

M.·. W.·. William Barron, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. William Ronaldson, Grand Secretary.

At the semi-annual communication, Oct. 21st, the board of general purposes reported that it had under consideration a scheme for the establishment of masonic scholarships; that another lodge had transferred its allegiance from the Grand Lodge of England; the constitution of two new lodges; and that the Grand Lodge of England had extended recognition.

A cut of the monument erected to the memory of Bro. E. T. Gillon accompanies the later pamphlet.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1896.

The one hundred and ninth annual communication was held at Raleigh, Jan. 14th, 15th, and 16th, M.·. W.·. F. M. Moye, Grand Master. One hundred and eighty-four lodges represented; two hundred and eighty-three on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

Eight dispensations for new lodges; seven charters restored; two charters and one dispensation surrendered. Membership nine thousand, five hundred, and seventy-six, with fifteen lodges not reporting. Receipts $4,546.37.

The deaths of Bro. A. T. Jerkins and Bro. G. W. Blount, past grand masters, were announced. Their portraits and biographies appear in the proceedings, together with portrait of Bro. J. W. Cotten, past grand master.

Five decisions were reported and approved, the following being one of them:

4. A man who has had white swelling, one leg being shorter than the other, is eligible to be made a mason, it appearing that he is in sound health and has good means of support.

A contribution to the early history of masonry in that jurisdiction was made by Bro. S. D. Nickerson, of Massachusetts, who writes that a lodge in Pitt County was upon their rolls in 1766, five years before the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was first constituted. He also transmitted a copy of the commission granted by Henry Price, provincial grand master, to Thomas Cooper as deputy grand master for the province of North Carolina, bearing date Dec. 30th, 1777.

The reports of the orphan asylum show one hundred and ninety inmates, with disbursements of $19,575.31. Mr. B. N. Duke having generously doubled his proposed donation of last year, a collection of $2,000 was taken up and the matter referred to the lodges for action.

A proposition making it unlawful for an elected lodge officer to be chosen more than twice to the same position was very properly tabled, together with another rendering the first four grand lodge officers ineligible for a second term; memorial services were held in honor of the two deceased past grand masters; a quite readable address was delivered in the hall of the house of representatives by Bro. W. H. Summerell, grand orator; provision was made for a librarian, with a nominal salary of $50 per annum; a resolution of sympathy was tendered to Bro. Alfred Martin, past grand master, suffering from physical debility; the question of a reprint of their proceedings from 1804 to 1849 inclusive was postponed until another year; a committee of three was appointed to consider the propriety of being represented at the Washington memorial; an appropria-

tion of $2,500 was made to the orphan asylum, with the recommendation that free will offerings be taken in each lodge at the installation of officers; an amendment to the constitution was adopted rendering the grand wardens ineligible to reëlection; the by-laws were amended allowing a past master to open a lodge in the absence of the three principal officers; and the grand secretary was instructed to procure a jewel for each grand master at the end of his period of service.

There was no report on foreign correspondence, owing to the death of Bro. G. W. Blount, chairman of the committee.

M.·. W.·. F. M. Moye, Wilson, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. J. C. Drewry, Raleigh, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. J. A. Collins, Enfield, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1896.

The seventh annual communication was held at Fargo, June 9th and 10th, M.·. W.·. W. H. Best, Grand Master. Forty-two lodges represented; forty-four on the roll. Four past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership two thousand, five hundred, and thirty-five; gain two hundred and twenty-three. Receipts $2,941.22.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The following paragraph is taken from the annual address:

> With all grand lodges with whom we are in communication the most fraternal and friendly relations exist, and especially with our sister jurisdiction, Minnesota, where fraternal comity has been particularly marked. One Ole Bang, living within the jurisdiction of Warren Lodge No. 150, state of Minnesota, applied for membership to Acacia Lodge No. 4, at Grand Forks. The petition was referred to Warren Lodge and a waiver of jurisdiction was promptly voted by the members of said Warren Lodge, after which the waiver was forwarded to the Grand Master of Minnesota, who approved the

same, and it was then forwarded to Acacia No. 4, when the petition was accepted and passed upon in the usual manner. This action upon the part of our Minnesota brethren is truly commendable.

The Wisconsin relief proposition was not adopted; steps were taken to assume fraternal relations with the Grand Orients of Italy and Greece and the Grand Lodge of Sweden; the decisions that a master or warden could resign or dimit were disapproved, upon recommendation of the jurisprudence committee; and the fee for a grand lodge certificate was reduced to $1.

Owing to the time expended upon the new register the grand secretary was unable to prepare his usual report on correspondence.

M.·. W.·. W. T. Perkins, Bismarck, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. F. J. Thompson, Fargo, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued as committee on foreign correspondence.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1896.

An emergent communication was held at Halifax, Sept. 26th, to devise ways and means of paying the hall debt, at which it was voted to create a sinking fund; an address and service of silver plate were presented the grand master.

The thirty-first annual communication was held at Halifax, June 10th and 11th, M.·. W.·. W. F. MacCoy, Grand Master. Thirty-nine lodges represented; sixty-three on the roll. One past grand master present; our representative absent.

One charter surrendered; one consolidation. Membership three thousand, three hundred, and fifty-one; gain eighty-four. Receipts $5,119.58.

The first business in order was attending divine service, with an eloquent sermon by Bro. C. I. Brock, grand chaplain.

Bro. T. B. Flint, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, was accorded the rank of past deputy grand master, a well merited recognition of his valuable services in that capacity for many years; it was recommended that the use of wines and liquors at lodge entertainments be

strictly prohibited; an at home was given the first evening by the local fraternity; five district deputy grand masters were accorded past rank; and a committee was appointed to confer with New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island in relation to the proposed masonic home.

The report on foreign correspondence was a composite production, owing to Bro. Flint's exacting parliamentary duties. He, however, found time to do a large share of the writing, the review of Minnesota included, from which the following paragraphs are taken:

> The grand master ably reviewed the work of the past year, reporting seven official decisions, and discussing in an interesting way several of the leading questions connected with craft work and progress.
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> We have read the grand master's address through with great pleasure. It is replete with shrewd suggestions and useful observations.
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> We quote with peculiar satisfaction the resolution offered by the committee on fraternal greetings, which expresses eloquently the sincere feelings of our brethren across the line.
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> In the appendix is published in full an oration delivered before grand lodge by Bro. Rev. Robert Forbes, grand orator. His theme is The Spirit of Masonry. Bro. Forbes' oration is a very eloquent and beautiful tribute to the excellency of masonic teachings. In it he sums up in powerful and touching words his exalted conception of the place and sphere of masonry in human life and action. And the best of it is that the glowing language of the orator is concerned, not merely with abstract ideas and picturesque suggestions, but it strikes hard blows against the cold world of selfishness, and points out in a practical way many positive actions which masons might undertake, and by which they might frequently exemplify, much more fully than many of them do, the true spirit of the craft.
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> An excellent report on foreign correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of fifty-five lodges, is presented by Bro. Irving Todd, who is now becoming widely known as one of our most genial and agreeable correspondents. This is his sixth or seventh report, and is of great value and interest. Nova Scotia affairs receive his careful notice.

M.·. W.·. J. W. Ruhland, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. William Ross, reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Halifax. Bro. T. B. Flint, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OHIO, 1896.

The eighty-seventh annual communication was held at Cincinnati, Oct. 21st and 22d, M.·. W.·. W. B. Melish, Grand Master. Four hundred and eighty-one lodges represented; four hundred and ninety-eight on the roll. Ten past grand masters and our representative present.

One charter for a new lodge; one charter surrendered. Membership forty thousand, eight hundred, and thirty-nine; gain nine hundred and thirty-three. Receipts $26,998.01.

The portrait is that of the grand master, with a group of ten past grand masters, among whom we recognize several familiar countenances.

The death of Bro. A. H. Battin, past grand master, was announced.

The grand master reported that he had made no decisions during the year; that the new code was far from being satisfactory; that the Cerneau litigation had been decided by the supreme court in favor of the grand lodge; that the total cost of the home to date was $164,965.27; and that under their law he was obliged to refuse the use of lodge halls by chapters of the Eastern Star.

Bro. T. S. Parvin, of Iowa, was among the distinguished visitors.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; a subordinate lodge was refused permission to exempt members of twenty-five years' standing from payment of dues; it was held that a candidate for initiation should be able, physically and intellectually, to receive and impart all the essentials for recognition, the lodge to be the judge; that chapters of the Eastern Star may occupy halls with the consent of the lodge and the grand master; the Wisconsin relief proposition was laid over a year; every lodge was requested to solicit a subscription of fifty cents from each of its members for the benefit of the home; the code was amended so that the approval of the grand lodge is necessary to render lodge by-laws valid, and fixing the annual dues at not less than $2; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

An elaborate and painstaking report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. W. M. Cunningham, with four pages given to Minnesota. The following paragraphs are quoted for the benefit of our brethren:

> The annual address of the grand master, M.·. W.·. Bro. C. L. Brown, is an able masonic paper, reciting in detail his masonic acts.
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> The grand orator, R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Robert Forbes, delivered a very interesting address on The Spirit of Masonry.
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> The report on foreign correspondence, from the pen of R.·. W.·. Bro. Irving Todd, chairman of the committee, is a concise and courteous synopsis of the transactions of fifty-five grand lodges. Among the number, Ohio for 1895 receives fraternal notice.

M.·. W.·. Barton Smith, Toledo, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. M. Cunningham, Newark, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OKLAHOMA, 1896.

The fourth annual communication was held at Perry, Feb. 11th and 12th, M.·. W.·. C. A. Newman, Grand Master. Twenty lodges represented; twenty-three on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Five dispensations for new lodges. Membership ten hundred and eighty-five; gain one hundred and fifty-seven. Receipts $1,215.50.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. Selwyn Douglas, past grand master.

The following was among the eight approved decisions:

> 2. A past master of a sister grand jurisdiction, if he be a member of a lodge and in good standing, may be invited by the master or wardens to preside over the lodge and install the officers.

A highly original address was delivered by Bro. Selwyn Douglas, grand orator; a resolution paving the way for future mileage was adopted; the salary of the grand secretary was raised $100; the committee on law and usage re-

ported that they had no power to require a lodge in a sister jurisdiction to reimburse one of their lodges for the care of a sick member; the per capita tax was reduced from $1 to fifty cents; a number of amendments to the constitution and by-laws were adopted upon recommendation of the grand master; and a banquet was provided by the local fraternity.

There was no report on foreign correspondence, it not being deemed worth the expense by the grand master. Still they had room for thirty-five leaded pages of members' names and sixty-four pages of constitution and by-laws. Another case of misapplied economy.

M.·. W.·. Henry Rucker, Perry, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. S. Hunt, Stillwater, reëlected Grand Secretary. The latter is also continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OREGON, 1896.

The forty-sixth annual communication was held at Portland, June 10th, 11th, and 12th, M.·. W.·. M. D. Clifford, Grand Master. Ninety-three lodges represented; one hundred on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership four thousand, eight hundred, and seventy-four; gain seventy-one. Receipts $5,571.15.

The proceedings contain portraits and biographies of four past grand masters.

The death of Bro. D. G. Clark, past grand master, was announced.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, then in session; the Masonic Building Association was reported out of debt, the investment paying twelve per cent dividends; the jewel of Bro. Berryman Jennings, their first grand master, was presented by his widow and placed among the archives; thanks were tendered the Grand Lodge of California for their cordial reception of Bro. Jacob Mayer, past grand master; an

elaborate address was delivered by Bro. S. M. Yoran, grand orator; sympathies were extended to the brethren in Cuba in their hour of oppression; the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; the furnishing of certificates to past masters was postponed; the law committee recommended that in future dispensations to confer degrees out of time should be granted only in the most emergent cases; a board of masonic relief was provided for, their annual expenditures being limited to $1,000 per year; a watch was presented to Bro. J. R. N. Bell, grand chaplain for nineteen years; the district deputy system was adopted, in connection with the grand lecturer; and a special committee was appointed to report a plan for observing their semi-centennial anniversary.

An elaborate report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. Robert Clow, who had this to say of Minnesota:

> The address of Grand Master Brown is an able paper, in which the different subjects presented are fully discussed.
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> A beautiful and touching incident of the session was the presentation of a beautifully embroidered lambskin apron, the "gift of the grand officers and other friends to Bro. Rev. L. D. Boynton," grand chaplain. The brother was equal to the occasion (who wouldn't be?), and accepted this evidence of the regard of his brethren in appropriate terms.
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> A splendid oration, subject The Spirit of Masonry, was delivered by Bro. Rev. Robert Forbes, grand orator.
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> Bro. Irving Todd furnished the report on correspondence. Oregon for 1895 received fraternal treatment at his hands.
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> Bro. Todd is of the opinion that because our name appeared upon the rolls we were the representative of Washington until she discontinued the system. Bro. Upton, the Washington reviewer for 1894, thought not; so you see the doctors disagree again.

Bro. Upton was not the reviewer in 1894, but this is what he did say in 1895:

> The presence of Bro. Robert Clow as representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington is noted. He had ceased to be our representative before that date.

In 1896 Bro. Upton devotes several pages to the subject, from which we quote:

Nov. 10th, 1885, he was commissioned representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington near the Grand Lodge of Oregon, for the term of four years "*or until his successor is duly qualified.*" (We quote from the original commission which lies before us.)

In 1889 the four years expired, but, in fact and by the terms of his commission, he continued to be our representative.

As late as July 11th, 1894, he appeared at and sat in the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and was recognized by it, and reported by its committee on credentials, as *representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington.*

In 1893, while still our representative, and posing as such, as a member of a committee of his own grand lodge, he recommended the adoption of resolutions declaring—after the act of our lodge had been expressly approved by our grand master and grand lodge—that the conferrring of certain degrees by one of our lodges "was in violation of the landmarks of masonry," and that the brother upon whom they were conferred was "an irregularly made mason," and not entitled to masonic recognition in Oregon.

In connection with the adoption of those resolutions, our grand lodge *in June,* 1894, adopted a committee report, the concluding portion of which was as follows:

> Your committee, however, do not approve of the course pursued in this matter by Bro. Robert Clow, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Oregon; and in view of the relation he has chosen to place himself before this grand lodge, and in view of the further fact that this grand lodge has resolved, on its part, to discontinue the grand representative system, we believe this should be conclusive in terminating the commission of Bro. Robert Clow as a representative for this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Oct. 13th, 1894, M.·. W.·. Robert Clow returned his commission in a letter in which he said—italics ours, grammar and capitals *his*:

> A hasty examination of the work of the Grand Lodge convinces me that my Services as your Representative near the Grand Lodge of Oregon is *no longer* desired by your Grand Lodge, *hence* I herewith return my commission as Said Representative.

Then the M.·. W.·. Brother took time to think, and by March, 1895, when he wrote the review of Washington, now before us, he had made up his mind that the best way out of his indelicate position *was to deny that he was representative in 1893.*

The matter is of no great consequence outside of Oregon and Washington, and the extracts are only reproduced to prove that our statements in 1895, that "no further action

was taken in the controversy with Oregon, except a disapproval of the course pursued by their representative near that grand lodge," and in 1896, that "the name is reported upon the rolls of both grand lodges up to the time that Washington discontinued the system," are sustained by the record. There is no material disagreement of the doctors as to the diagnosis of the case.

M.·. W.·. Philip Metschan, Salem, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. F. Robinson, Eugene, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Robert Clow, Junction City, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1895.

At the June quarterly the death of Bro. Richard Vaux, past grand master, was announced, Bro. Michael Arnold delivering a beautiful eulogy upon the distinguished craftsman.

At the December quarterly grand lodge officers were elected; the payment of $321,650 upon the temple debt was reported, leaving a balance of $491,750; the dues and fees were restored to what they were in 1871, $1 for each member annually and $2 for each initiation; the library committee reported the completion of the first volume of their reprint; and two thousand copies of the revised Ahiman Rezon were ordered printed.

The annual communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, R.·. W.·. M. H. Henderson, Grand Master. Sixty-nine lodges represented; four hundred and eighteen on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Seven new lodges constituted. Membership forty-eight thousand, four hundred, and seventy-two; gain ten hundred and seventy-six. Receipts $138,549.66.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. John Thompson, past grand master and past grand secretary.

Among the visitors were several of the grand officers of New York and New Jersey.

The grand master held that the landmark of physical perfection must be observed to the letter; that a man unable to write cannot be made a mason; and that all notices of lodge meetings must be sent in sealed envelopes. He also announced that he had conferred the degrees at sight, in order that the prerogative might not fall into decay by reason of disuse, and refused to lay two corner stones, one of a private school, the other of a church where the masons were intended to draw a crowd and increase the subscriptions towards the debt.

The following paragraph from the address will receive general commendation:

> Nov. 5th I received a printed circular letter issued by a master mason. It had been sent to masons in his county, and stated that he was a candidate for office and solicited their votes on the ground that he was a mason and by voting for him they would be aiding a brother. Receiving it on the day of the election it was too late to take steps to counteract any benefit which might accrue to the sender, but I wrote him a letter which I do not think he will show to his friends or leave where his executors will find it. That it might have some degree of publicity among the fraternity I sent it through the district deputy grand master, and that the rebuke may not be entirely lost to posterity a copy is preserved in the grand master's office. I gave him my best wishes for his defeat, which I am happy to say was his fate, and am informed that his circular did not a little to work his discomfiture, as it excited feelings of indignation and revulsion even among his political friends. He should consider himself fortunate in escaping with a reprimand, for a clearer case for charges was never presented, and expulsion was never more richly deserved.

Bro. Michael Arnold, past grand master, was selected to fill the vacancy on the correspondence committee, furnishing an able report as might have been expected, and proving a worthy successor to the lamented Vaux. Of Minnesota he says:

> The grand master's address is full of interesting information, and shows that he had a busy year of service.
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> The grand master approves the by-laws of subordinate lodges in Minnesota. This is a good practice. But, whether it be done by the grand master or a committee, we rejoice to know that the

brethren in Minnesota are not afflicted as we are in Pennsylvania with a long report advising that the t's be crossed and the i's dotted. We are writing this *to* Minnesota and *at* Pennsylvania.

These decisions are good. There is so much desire to introduce novelties and make public shows of masonry that we rejoice to see that Minnesota takes the right stand. When they refuse to allow public installations they will get back to the practice of the fathers.

Bro. Irving Todd, for the committee on foreign correspondence, submitted his report, in which he expressed his views with his usual emphasis. He differs with us in many matters of present importance, and shows the truth of the old saying that there are two sides to every question; that is, nearly every question.

Bro. Arnold questions the propriety of our proposed constitutional amendment of 1895 in relation to contiguous grand jurisdictions, believing that disputes will arise and troubles follow. As the matter escaped the attention of the committee on unfinished business in 1896 it failed to be placed upon its final passage, and therefore is of no force or effect.

R.·. W.·. M. H. Henderson, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. Michael Nisbet, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. Michael Arnold, chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of Philadelphia.

Since receiving these proceedings we learn with sincere regret of the death of Bro. Michael Nisbet, grand secretary and past grand master, which occurred May 7th, at the age of sixty-seven. We had never met in person, but a correspondence of years had greatly endeared him to the writer. His last letter was dated only two days before, probably among the last of his official acts, and was received on the very day that he died. Pennsylvania has the heartfelt sympathies of the fraternity in their second great bereavement.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1896.

The twenty-first annual communication was held at Charlottetown, June 24th and 25th, M.·. W.·. Roderick Mac Neill, Grand Master. The twelve lodges all represented. Four past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership five hundred and fifteen; gain six. Receipts $285.20.

The grand master reported subscriptions of $268 to the benevolent fund, and recommended a plan for permanent organization, which was adopted.

The following is taken from the report of the committee on address:

> The appointment of worthy and distinguished brethren to represent foreign jurisdictions is of great moment, keeping us as it does in close touch with our brethren throughout the world, and so helping the more to a realization of the high ideal of the brotherhood of man, more especially of masons.

It was resolved that no lodge shall affiliate any person engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous or malt liquors, excepting for medicinal purposes.

M.·. W.·. J. L. Thomson, Charlottetown, Grand Master. R.·. W.·. Neil MacKelvie, Summerside, reëlected Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1896.

The twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Montreal, Jan. 29th and 30th, M.·. W.·. Frederick Massey, Grand Master. Fifty lodges represented; fifty-six on the roll. Four past grand masters present, our representative included.

Two consolidations of lodges. Membership three thousand, five hundred, and thirty; gain ninety-eight. Receipts $2,542.50.

The grand master reported that the old sedition act had been amended by parliament, the text now reading "or grand master or grand lodge *in* Canada," thus relieving the brethren from all risk of prosecution under the old laws of Lower Canada.

The new constitution was reported by the special committee and adopted; an able discourse was delivered by Bro. R. W. Hewton, grand chaplain; and the committee on anniversary picture reported its completion, with four hundred photographs of officers and members of the grand lodge, at an expense of $100.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented his usual well digested report on foreign correspondence, notwithstanding his illness and the loss of a beloved son. He has the sympathy of the entire guild in his great affliction. From the review of Minnesota we quote:

> M.·. W.·. Bro. C. L. Brown, grand master, delivered quite a lengthy address in reporting his official acts, his decisions appearing to us to be perfectly sound.
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> A very admirable oration upon The Origin of Masonic Principles; the Foundation of the Masonic Society and What Masonry Is, was delivered by W.·. Bro. A. S. Crossfield.
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> The foreign correspondence report, presented by Bro. Irving Todd, occupies just a hundred pages, and bears evidence of careful preparation. Selections are judiciously made, and a synopsis is given of Quebec's 1894 proceedings.

The report of our committee on ancient landmarks in relation to the laying of corner stones is reproduced in entirety.

Our congratulations are extended to Bro. Chambers upon his well deserved promotion to deputy grand master.

M.·. W.·. Frederick Massey, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; both of Montreal. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, chairman of the committee on foreign relations and correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND, 1895.

At the semi-annual communication it was resolved that no business other than conferring the degrees, or the trial of masons who have not attained the master's degree, be transacted in other than a master mason's lodge; the constitution was amended so that any one stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues may be reinstated on payment of such sum as the grand lodge may determine by vote, upon petition of the subordinate lodge. This is singular legislation, to say the least. Advancement of the sum due at the date the member was dropped is the usual basis of restoration.

The one hundred and fifth annual communication was held at Providence, May 20th, M.·. W.·. E. H. Rhodes, Grand Master. Thirty lodges represented; thirty-six on the roll. Two past grand masters present, our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership four thousand, six hundred, and sixty-one; gain one hundred and four. Receipts $2,149.75.

An adverse report was made upon the Mississippi proposition by the committee on foreign correspondence, recommending that no action be taken; appropriations of $200 were made to the library and towards the second volume of their reprint; the completion of the memorial volume was announced; and a jewel and apron were presented to the retiring grand master.

M.·. W.·. E. P. Lowden, Pawtucket, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. Edwin Baker, Providence, reëlected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1896.

The annual communication was held at Adelaide, April 15th, M.·. W.·. S. J. Way, Grand Master. The representatives of twenty lodges and our representative present.

One dispensation for a new lodge; two charters surrendered.

M.·. W.·. S. J. Way, Grand Master, and V.·. W.·. J. H. Cunningham, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; both of Adelaide.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895.

The one hundred and nineteenth annual communication was held at Charleston, Dec. 10th and 11th, M.·. W.·. C. E. Sawyer, Grand Master. One hundred and sixty-one lodges represented; one hundred and eighty-four on the roll. Six past grand masters present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; two charters revived and one surrendered. Membership five thousand, nine hundred, and two; gain one hundred and five. Receipts $6,582.10.

The grand master truthfully remarks:

> It is a sad commentary on our ancient and honorable institution, founded upon friendship, morality, and brotherly love, whose purpose is to encourage the search for truth through the medium of the first and deepest of all sciences, that it should have for its principal officers men who have pushed themselves forward till they have reached the highest places in their lodges, and yet do not understand the simplest rudiments of the science which they undertake to teach. What can be more discouraging to a man of education and refined feeling and cultivated tastes than to have our beautiful and impressive ceremonies bungled through in the most slipshod manner, without any semblance of the true symbolism. Is it any wonder that such men drop out and join that ever-increasing army of non-affiliates?

A handsome gold watch was presented to Bro. S. P. Dendy, junior past grand master; an installation ceremony for district deputy grand masters was prepared by a special committee; a committee was authorized to report next year upon the Washington memorial; the proposition to substitute a grand lecturer for the present district deputies was rejected; and a steamboat excursion was tendered by the local lodges.

The grand secretary prepared his accustomed able and dignified report on foreign correspondence. He agrees with our jurisprudence committee on the Mississippi and Wisconsin propositions, and with the subsequent action of the grand lodge. Of our own effort he kindly says:

Bro. Irving Todd is the correspondence writer of this jurisdiction, and his present report is up to the high standard of his former work.

M.·. W.·. C. E. Sawyer, Aiken, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. Charles Inglesby, Charleston, Grand Secretary, were reëlected.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1896.

The twenty-second annual communication was held at Huron, June 9th and 10th, M.·. W.·. F. H. Files, Grand Master. Seventy lodges represented; ninety on the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership four thousand, two hundred, and forty-three; loss eleven. Receipts $3,042.88.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. H. H. Blair, past grand master.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; the Wisconsin relief proposition was not concurred in; and a proposed amendment to the by-laws admitting clergymen free by unanimous consent was not adopted.

Bro. William Blatt contributed another of his readable reports on correspondence, with over two pages devoted to Minnesota. The following paragraphs are taken therefrom:

> It may not be generally known, but it is a fact that the first masonic lodge in Dakota Territory was also organized by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.
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> Under the head of fraternal relations a strong plea is made for peace among nations, *anent* the American-English-Venezuela imbroglio. While this matter has been taken up by many grand lodges, and the white flag hoisted by all who have taken cognizance of the same, we are not prepared to judge of the propriety of their action. We have probably not grown enough masonically, and permit patriotism (jingoism, if you so call it,) to get the better of our masonic teachings.

The grand chaplain, the Rev. Bro. L. D. Boynton, was presented with an appropriately and beautifully embroidered masonic apron. We applaud this action, it being, unfortunately, so rare a one.

M.·. W.·. Irving Todd, the author of the report on correspondence, considers our last report to have been "greatly disfigured by those horrid wood cuts for headings." We are of like opinion, Bro. Todd, but dare not say so, as P. G. M. Brown, the inventor, publisher, and printer, is just about our height, and a little wider from east to west. This criticism, however, Bro. Todd, detracts naught from the value of your report. It is good as ever.

M.·. W.·. James Lewis, Canton, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. G. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. William Blatt, Yankton, committee on correspondence.

TENNESSEE, 1896.

The eighty-second annual communication was held at Nashville, Jan. 29th, 30th, and 31st, M.·. W.·. G. H. Morgan, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty-six lodges represented; four hundred and twenty-six on the roll. Fifteen past grand masters present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; three charters surrendered. Membership seventeen thousand, seven hundred, and sixty-six; loss one hundred and sixty-five. Receipts $12,745.20.

The portraits are of the incoming and outgoing grand masters.

The deaths of Bro. C. L. Fuller, grand tyler, and Bro. W. H. Morrow, chairman of the committee on correspondence, were announced.

Bro. F. C. Girard, Grand Master of Kentucky, was welcomed with the grand honors.

The following were reported among the approved decisions:

6. A brother was guilty of embezzlement in three cases. After the crime was publicly known, before he could be disciplined, he committed suicide. The lodge correctly refused to accord him a masonic burial, not because of his suicide, but because of his crime.

10. The rejection of a candidate for masonry does not give the lodge rejecting him perpetual jurisdiction over such candidate.

The successful efforts of the grand master to resume fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Ohio were approved; a peace proclamation was reported by the committee on jurisprudence and adopted; the practice of office seeking in the grand lodge was disapproved in fitting terms; an appropriation of $6,000 was voted to the widows and orphans' home; a board of custodians was provided for, consisting of three members; recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was deferred until next year; the Wisconsin relief proposition was not concurred in; persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage were prohibited from receiving the degrees; the new code was ordered printed; a special committee was appointed to secure the permanent endowment of the home; and six past masters were duly installed in a convocation held for that purpose. The report of the widows and orphans' home gives the receipts of the year at $3,039.63, with a cash balance on hand of $640.54. There are one hundred inmates.

The report on correspondence was the joint work of Bro. H. H. Ingersoll and Bro. Robert Walton, the former taking all above Nebraska. The review of Minnesota is so brief that it is reproduced entire:

A speaking likeness of C. L. Brown, grand master, adorns the first page of this report, and makes us wish we only knew him. If he is really as good as he looks, he is worth knowing.

And here is another jurisdiction where the committee on appeals and grievances have so fallen in love with the sight of their names that they sign them in full, all five to every case reported. And thus they are made to appear six times in large capital letters on three consecutive pages, to the entire satisfaction of every individual man thereof and all their friends.

Irving Todd, for the committee, submits the report on correspondence, in which he characterizes Bro. Connor as the "most brilliant member of the guild reportorial." And who will dare gainsay it?

M.·. W.·. P. N. Matlock, Kenton, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. B. Garrett, Nashville, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. G. H. Morgan, Cookeville, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

TEXAS, 1895.

The sixtieth annual communication was held at Houston, Dec. 3d, 4th, and 5th, M.·. W.·. Gus Garrison, Grand Master. Three hundred and seventy-two lodges represented; five hundred and ninety-three on the roll. Ten past grand masters present.

Five dispensations for new lodges. Membership twenty-six thousand, eight hundred, and forty-one; loss four hundred and ninety-five. Receipts $18,699.40.

The deaths of Bro. Charles Stewart and Bro. Z. E. Coombes, past grand masters, were announced.

The grand master decided that the master of a lodge may vacate the chair and act as prosecutor during a masonic trial, which was very properly overruled by the committee on jurisprudence.

The finance committee reported that every lodge in the state had made returns before the meeting of the grand lodge, the first time on record, but twenty-six had failed to pay their dues; the fund of the widows and orphans' home was reported at $92,101.66, and the matter of location deferred another year; in lieu of the Mississippi proposition it was resolved that jurisdiction over rejected material continue for only five years, and that certificates be issued to entered apprentices or fellow crafts removing into another jurisdiction; the report of the committee on revision of laws was adopted, and the work ordered published; a resolution was adopted prohibiting any brother from holding two elective offices at the same time; the superintendency of the temple was devolved upon the grand secretary, without additional compensation; the McLeary ring was turned over to the grand master elect; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

Bro. T. M. Matthews submitted his usually carefully prepared report on foreign correspondence, and says of Minnesota:

> The address of the grand master is a short, sensible, and practical account of his year's stewardship.

The grand secretary, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, makes a first-class report, but had like to have spoiled it by failing to tell us how many active lodges there are under the obedience of the grand lodge, and how many were represented at the communication. Let us have the data next year, brother (?).

The report on correspondence, one hundred and one pages, is again the work of Bro. Irving Todd, in which are reviewed, briefly but satisfactorily, the proceedings of fifty-seven grand lodges, the Texas 1893 volume being one of the number, and which is very courteously and kindly noticed in one and one-half pages.

As stated last year, if Bro. Matthews will turn to the first page of our proceedings he will obtain the desired data, which we are unable to find anywhere in the current proceedings of Texas. How many chartered lodges and actual members have you, any way?

Freemasonry in Mexico is given as an addendum, the principal points of which have been gone over by later writers upon that subject.

M.·. W.·. B. R. Abernethy, Gonzales, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. John Watson, Houston, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. T. M. Matthews, Athens, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

UTAH, 1896.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Salt Lake City, Jan. 21st and 22d, M.·. W.·. A. C. Emerson, Grand Master. The eight lodges were represented. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership seven hundred and thirty-eight; gain sixty-two. Receipts $1,595.50.

The following decision was approved:

1. The master of a lodge cannot appoint on a committee of investigation any brother or brethren who have signed the petition as recommenders.

A second decision, that a visiting brother has no right to demand an inspection of the lodge charter, was referred

to the committees on revision of the standard work and jurisprudence, to report next year.

The grand secretary reported a change of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, at the request of the grand master, for the reason that the former holder of the commission had not attended any of their meetings for the last four years. A general enforcement of this rule would be a good thing for all concerned.

The grand librarian has counted up thirteen hundred and twenty-three bound volumes on his shelves, claiming the eighth largest collection of masonic literature in the United States. It is ere this located in the new quarters, and Bro. Chris is deservingly happy.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; a programme for the celebration of their quarter centennial next year was adopted; the grand representatives were received with the grand honors; the proposed new constitution and by-laws was ordered printed; and the signet ring was turned over to the grand master elect.

The programme for the dedication of the new temple at Salt Lake City, March 19th, is inclosed with the proceedings. It undoubtedly was a highly enjoyable event.

The grand secretary prepared his usual interesting report on foreign correspondence, from which the following extracts are taken under the head of Minnesota:

> The address of the grand master is a creditable masonic document, and shows that he has kept himself in touch with the craft.
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> Bro. Irving Todd presented again the report on correspondence. It is a ripe and crisp work, and a valuable compilation of the doings of fifty-six grand lodges. Utah, for 1894, receiving the same fraternal notice it has ever received from Bro. Todd's pen and brain. He quotes from our several reports, without comment, however, showing thereby that he agrees with us on all points masonic, and so may it ever be.

M.·. W.·. W. T. Dalby, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. Christopher Diehl reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Salt Lake City.

VERMONT, 1896.

The one hundred and third annual communication was held at Burlington, June 10th and 11th, M.·. W.·. Kittredge Haskins, Grand Master. Eighty-one lodges represented; one hundred and one on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership nine thousand, six hundred, and ninety-four; gain one hundred and seventy-three. Receipts $3,907.60.

The portrait is that of Bro. L. M. Read, past grand master and past grand secretary.

The temple fund was reported at $5,990.70; it was resolved to withhold mileage from representatives of lodges who fail to forward their returns and dues to the grand secretary on or before May 20th; and aprons were ordered for the past grand masters.

The report on foreign correspondence was from the experienced pen of Bro, M. O. Perkins, Minnesota not included.

Under the head of Illinois he says of perpetual jurisdiction:

> It is somewhat surprising that so progressive a grand lodge should continue to hold to the literal construction of a regulation devoid of sense and reason, and manifestly weighted with injustice. The weakness of its hold upon the craft is shown by the necessity of a frequent reaffirmation of the law, and Bro. Goddard may not be so far in advance of grand lodge, after all, as he seems to be. He will soon have plenty of company, and reason and right will yet prevail.

M.·. W.·. Kittredge Haskins, Brattleboro, Grand Master, and R.·. W.·. W. G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. M. O. Perkins, Windsor, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

VIRGINIA, 1895.

The one hundred and eighteenth annual communication was held at Richmond, Dec. 3d, 4th, and 5th, M.·. W.·. J. P. Fitzgerald, Grand Master. One hundred and ninety-one lodges represented; two hundred and fifty-six on the roll. Six past grand masters present, including our representative.

Five dispensations for new lodges. Membership twelve thousand, five hundred, and seventy-two; gain ninety-three. Receipts $9,021.

The portrait is that of the late Bro. W. B. Isaacs, grand secretary.

The death of Bro. F. A. Reed, senior grand warden, was announced.

The grand master stated that Bro. W. B. Isaacs, Jr., son and deputy, was ineligible under their law to succeed to the vacancy in the grand secretary's office. Such an enactment cannot be repealed any too quick.

The following extract from the address is of general interest to the craft:

> I also maintain that each subordinate lodge in this grand jurisdiction is the sole judge of the qualification of profanes residing within its territory to receive the rights and benefits of masonry, and that masonic comity does not require that a veto upon the exercise of that right shall be lodged in another subordinate lodge outside of this jurisdiction.

A proposition to cut off the grand secretary's commission of twenty-five per cent upon all receipts was rejected; a prohibition amendment to the digest was unfavorably reported by the committee on propositions and not adopted; an appropriation of $100 was made towards a proposed memorial hall on the grounds of the home in memory of the late grand secretary; a special committee was appointed to recommend a uniform code of by-laws for subordinate lodges; and the digest was amended by striking out the clause authorizing the public installation of officers.

A condensed historical sketch of Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122 by the late Bro. G. W. Dame, grand chaplain, is given in the appendix. It is to be regretted that the interesting paper could not have been printed entire.

The fifth annual report of the masonic home shows expenditures $35,657.75; number of inmates twenty-seven.

There was no report on foreign correspondence, but one is promised next year.

M.·. W.·. J. P. Fitzgerald, Farmville, reëlected Grand Master; R.·. W.·. G. W. Carrington, Richmond, Grand Secretary; Bro. W. F. Drinkard, Richmond, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

WASHINGTON, 1896.

The thirty-ninth annual communication was held at Seattle, June 9th, 10th, and 11th, M.·. W.·. W. W. Witherspoon, Grand Master. Ninety-four lodges represented; ninety-six on the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges. Membership four thousand, nine hundred, and ninety-one; gain thirty-two. Receipts $6,244.45.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The death of Bro. E. P. Ferry, past grand master, was announced.

Bro. W. H. Upton was appointed commissioner to revise the code, and a number of amendments were adopted preliminary thereto; Bro. John Arthur delivered an eloquent address on The Mission of Masonry; a resolution of sympathy was extended to Bro. G. O. Haller, past grand master, detained at home by illness; the Wisconsin relief proposition was rejected; it was declared a masonic offense to engage in the sale of intoxicating liquors, but not to apply to those now engaged in the business; the matter of district lecturers was deferred a year; and a twenty-four inch gauge, made of native fir and used in the initiation of the first entered apprentice in the territory of Washington, was presented to the grand lodge by the grand secretary.

The report on correspondence was mainly the work of the veteran grand secretary, aided by Bro. W. H. Upton. He says of Minnesota:

The grand secretary, as usual, presents an excellent report and summary of his official duties, and statistical matter for the year. His work and tussle with lodge returns, etc., are strikingly similar to ours, in that relation, and which we can fully appreciate.

A very fine oration on The Spirit of Masonry was delivered by the Rev. Bro. Robert Forbes, grand orator.

The report on correspondence is as usual from the skillful pen of Bro. Irving Todd. He reviews the transactions of fifty-five grand lodges, Washington for 1895 receiving courteous mention.

M.·. W.·. Y. C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. T. M. Reed, Olympia, reëlected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1895.

The thirty-first annual communication was held at Charleston, Nov. 12th and 13th, M.·. W.·. G. W. Feidt, Grand Master. Ninety-nine lodges represented; one hundred on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership five thousand, five hundred, and sixty-seven; gain three hundred and fifteen. Receipts $4,047.50.

The portraits are of the grand master and grand lecturer, with biographies.

The following were among the approved decisions:

7. It is unmasonic for a brother mason to prefer charges against another brother elected master of the lodge for the purpose of delaying or preventing his installation when more than six months had elapsed after the commission of the offense, he knowing the offense had been committed and had failed to prefer the charges during all that time.

8. Statements made by a brother mason upon his deathbed in the presence of two master masons is not admissible as evidence on the

trial of a brother master mason, without due notice is given the accused of the time and place of taking the statement, and it is made upon his masonic honor or under the sanctity of a legal oath.

Preliminary steps were taken towards the erection of a masonic home; the regulations were amended so as to provide for the payment of expenses of past grand masters while in attendance upon grand lodge sessions; a banquet was given by a local lodge; the committee on jurisprudence held that to be recognized as a past master under their constitution he must be duly elected, installed, and serve in one of their lodges; and the Wisconsin relief proposition was laid over for further consideration.

The grand secretary submitted his accustomed fraternal report on foreign correspondence, from which the following paragraphs are quoted:

The annual address of Grand Master Brown is a model for clearness and brevity.

The grand orator, Bro. A. S. Crossfield, delivered the annual oration, for which he received the thanks of the grand lodge, and was requested to furnish a copy for publication. It is printed in the appendix, and is far better than the average of such efforts. The theme is The Origin of Masonic Principles; the Foundation of the Masonic Society, and What Masonry Is. I would like to transcribe it entirely, and have it read in every lodge in West Virginia.

Bro. Irving Todd, the author of a hundred page report on foreign correspondence, wields the pen of a ready writer.

M.·. W.·. J. M. Collins, Charleston, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. G. W. Atkinson, Wheeling, reëlected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1896.

The fifty-second annual communication was held at Milwaukee, June 9th, 10th, and 11th, M.·. W.·. W. W. Perry, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventeen lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-three on the roll. Twelve past grand masters present; our representative in the grand east.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership sixteen thousand, four hundred, and eight; gain four hundred and seven. Receipts $5,988.17.

The grand master decided that a master has the right to call any member of the lodge to the east to preside during a masonic trial or to do work, to which the jurisprudence committee added a proviso that he or one of the wardens remain present; that there is no constitutional provision prohibiting the taking of profane testimony in a lodge room during a trial, the lodge being called off; that a member in the ante room is not entitled to vote, being absent from the lodge; and that there is no regulation permitting honorary membership. The first of these rulings is not good law, so far as masonic trials are concerned; the master should preside in person.

The grand secretary congratulated the brethren upon his finely appointed office in the new temple, for which an annual rental of $1,100 is to be paid by the grand bodies; the special committee on masonic relief reported that only California and Nebraska had adopted their proposition; a committee was appointed to compile and print a digest; the constitution was amended so that lodges may hereafter elect honorary members without the right to hold office, vote, or object to candidates for initiation or advancement; a lodge hall was dedicated, with an eloquent address by Bro. N. M. Littlejohn, past grand master; the resolution depriving chapters of the Eastern Star from the use of lodge rooms was withdrawn, their grand chapter having assumed $100 of the yearly office rent; the trustees were authorized to loan their surplus funds upon real estate security; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

Bro. Gabriel Bouck, committee on foreign correspondence, occupied six pages in telling why he did not prepare a report, but had the good taste to refuse the $50 appropriated for his arduous duties.

M.·. W.·. Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. W. Laflin, Milwaukee, reëlected Grand Secretary.

WYOMING, 1896.

The twenty-second annual communication was held at Sheridan, Sept. 8th, M.·. W.·. Fenimore Chatterton, Grand Master. Twelve lodges represented; fifteen on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

One lodge defunct. Membership ten hundred and twenty-three; gain forty-seven. Receipts $1,158.

The portraits are of two past grand masters and the grand secretary.

The death of Bro. Orlando North, past grand master, was announced.

The following sensible paragraph is taken from the grand secretary's report:

> I have prepared and herewith submit the report on correspondence, with the earnest request that all into whose hands our printed proceedings may fall will carefully read it, believing the decisions of other grand bodies, with their legislation and other items of masonic interest occurring in other states to be found therein, will well repay every mason, especially the earnest seeker after knowledge of masonic statute law, for the time expended in its perusal.

Mileage was awarded the senior warden of a lodge, notwithstanding it was claimed by a proxy of the master, a correct conclusion; an amendment to the by-laws prohibits the initiation or affiliation of any person engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, and the engaging in such traffic considered a masonic offense, druggists and innkeepers excepted; the grand officers were elected by unanimous ballot; and a banquet was tendered by the local lodge. The grand secretary will most assuredly have the sympathies of Bro. Hedges, of Montana, in his inability to put in an appearance.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall's well digested report on correspondence rounds up our work of the year; last but not least. Of Minnesota he says:

The oration of the grand orator, brother the Rev. Robert Forbes, is by far the best we ever read. It approaches nearer our ideas upon subjects treated than anything heretofore coming under our notice.

The report on correspondence is again the work of Bro. Irving Todd, and a good one it is, equal to his best. The doings of our grand lodge were not overlooked and received favorable notice.

M.·. W.·. De Forest Richards, Douglas, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. W. L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, reëlected Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

IRVING TODD,
For the Committee.

Hastings, Dec. 27th, 1896.

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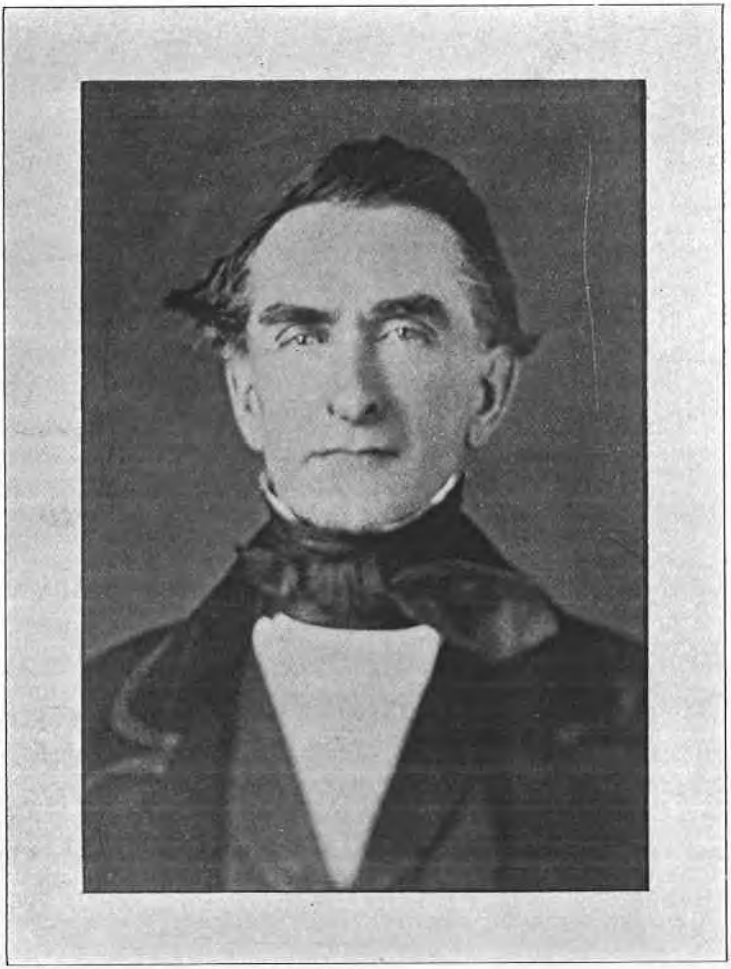

With great respect & Consideration
Charles K. Smith
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Founder, organizer, and first Master of the first Masonic Lodge in Minnesota Territory.

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The sixth annual Reunion and Feast will be held in Masonic Temple, St. Paul, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, 1898.

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AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION.

FIRST SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 12, 1897.

Pursuant to notices, mailed to every member, the first session of the Fifth Annual Reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota convened in the Blue Room of Masonic Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1897, at 8 o'clock p. m. Present: Bro. W. H. Grant of Sandstone as President; Bro. G. R. Metcalf as Secretary; Bro. I. B. B. Sprague, Treasurer; Bro. A. P. Swanstrom, Marshal, and a goodly number of members.

As was stated in the call, no business was transacted save the election to membership of thirteen petitioners. (See Nos. 200 to 212, inclusive). Receipts, $65.

Adjourned until 8 p. m., Jan. 13, 1897.

GEORGE R. METCALF,
Secretary *pro tem.*

SECOND SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 13, 1897.

Pursuant to adjournment, the second session of the Fifth Reunion assembled in the usual place, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1897, at 8 o'clock.

Present: Bro. G. R. Metcalf, President; Bro. B. F. Farmer, First Vice President; Bro. J. H. Thompson, Second Vice President; Bro. A. P. Swanstrom, as Secretary; Bro. I. B. B. Sprague, Treasurer, and Bro. R. T. Flournoy, as Marshal, and ninety of the brethren. Such minutes of the Association as had not appeared in print, and the records of the minutes of the Board of Directors held on Feb. 19, Sept. 23 and Dec. 31, 1896, were read and approved.

A petition from James Alexander Garver of Dodge Center for honorary membership under the fifty years' clause of the constitution, was read and accepted. Petitions from eleven brethren for active membership were referred to the Association as a committee of the whole, and the report being favorable they were unanimously elected. (See Nos. 213 to 223; inclusive.)

RECEPTION TO MEMBERSHIP.

All the brethren present who had been elected to membership since the last Annual Reunion were advanced in front of the East, where they were welcomed to full fellowship by the Rev. Bro. George H. Davis, Chaplain of the Association.

Venerable Brethren:

The pleasant duty has been assigned to me of welcoming you to membership in the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota. We extend to you a brother's hearty greeting, with the hope and confidence that the relationship into which you have now entered may tend to the harmony and welfare of the great Fraternity of which we are members, that the ties of brotherhood may be strengthened and we may be drawn closer together in the bonds of union and friendship. It is not necessary for me to speak of the purposes of this Association further than to say that one of its primary objects is to keep alive in the minds of its members the truth that they are still Masons, and that while the passage of time may have somewhat cooled the ardor and satisfied the ambition of youth, we are here reminded that Masonic privileges remain, and Masonic duties and responsibilities are still binding upon us. Twenty-one years in a man's life is a long period, and it is fair to presume that one who has lived so many or more years in Masonry has become to some extent imbued with its principles. He has had opportunity and time to learn its true worth, and his Masonic character has been formed. His Masonic influence must be felt. I believe it is also true that the world forms its judgment of Masonry from the character and reputation of those who have grown gray in its service. And hence, Brother Veterans, in these days when secret societies have become a *fad*, and because of their very popularity are in danger of disaster and shipwreck, it becomes us especially to look beyond our rituals, ceremonies, signs and symbols to the invisible reality of which they are only the outward and visible garb. Masonry is more than mere signs and ceremonies. We may know its history, traditions and secret work, and may understand and interpret its symbolism, and yet the whole volume of Masonry be to us a sealed and secret book. If we have failed to learn that these are but the avenues which lead up to the moral edifice beyond; that they are only types of the realities of the spiritual structure we should build, then we have labored in vain and spent our strength for naught.

In welcoming you to our ranks, I would, therefore, only remind you of the duty which rests upon us all alike of commending our Order to the wise and good by a practical exemplification of its principles, rather than by an ostentatious display of its emblems.

The spirit of the poet's prayer should fill our hearts and inspire our minds.

> "God give us men; a time like this demands
> Strong men, brave hearts, true faith, and willing hands;
> Men whom the greed of money does not kill;
> Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
> Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
> Men who can stand before a demagogue
> And scorn his treacherous flattery without shrinking;
> Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
> In public duty and in private thinking."

I again extend to you a hearty welcome, with the assurance that you will here find brothers true and tried, ready to share their joys with you, and zealous to unite with you in every effort to promote the welfare and happiness of their fellows.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The Report of the Secretary was read showing receipts for 1896.

From thirty-eight petitions at $5	$190.00	
Two transfers from honorary list	8.00	
Surplus from banquet	1.25	
One badge sold	2.00	
		$201.25
Ten orders drawn, amounting to		216.35
Excess of expenditures over receipts		$15.10
Active members Jan. 1, 1896		152
Added during the year		40
		192
Died during the year		2
		190
Transferred from honorary list		2
Active members		192
Honorary members Jan. 1, 1896	19	
Added during the year	3	
	22	
Transferred to active list	2	
		20
Total membership Jan. 1, 1897		212

The Treasurer's report was submitted, showing—

Balance, Jan. 1, 1896	$121.45
Received during the year	201.25
Total	$322.70
Disbursements (Warrants Nos. 31-40)	$216.35
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1897	$106.35

This amount is deposited to the credit of the Association in the Second National Bank.

Both reports were referred to an auditing committee, appointed by the President, viz., Bros. Ambrose D. Countryman of Appleton, John W. Eddy of Morris and John C. Munro of St. Cloud, for examination. Bro. R. T. Flournoy offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the sympathy of the Association is hereby tendered to our Veteran Brothers B. W. Brunson, Giles W. Merrill, and Frederick Richter of St. Paul; William Tuttle Rigby of Clearwater, William F. Mowatt of Minneapolis, and Luther Z. Rogers of Waterville, who are detained at their homes by illness, and the hope is herewith expressed that they may soon be restored to their usual health and vigor."

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of said resolution to each of the aforesaid brethren.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers for the ensuing year were elected:

For President	Bro. George R. Metcalf
For First Vice President	Bro. B. F. Farmer
For Second Vice President	Bro. J. H. Thompson
For Secretary	Bro. Giles W. Merrill
For Treasurer	Bro. I. B. B. Sprague
For Marshal	Bro. A. P. Swanstrom

Rev. Bro. George H. Davis of Mankato was appointed Chaplain, and Bro. W. H. Grant was appointed Historian for the ensuing year.

Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Iowa, and an honorary member of this Association was introduced. He addressed the Association in words that none present will ever forget. Our venerable brother was within two days of his eightieth birthday. The fire, eloquence, and sentiments of his fifteen minutes' speech were rarely, if ever, equaled in the hearing of a Masonic gathering. Bro. A. Barto, in a few suitable and pleasant words, presented to the M.·. W.·. Bro. Parvin the badge of the Association.

THE FEAST.

The brethren, to the number of ninety-eight, then repaired to the banquet room, where in the usual form the fifth Annual Feast of the Association was celebrated.

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After the banquet acknowledgments of invitations and regrets from a large number of brethren were read, expressing their good wishes to the Association. Among others, from Josiah H. Drummond, Portland, Me.; Daniel Sickels, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Theophilus Pratt, New York; John W. Mott, President, and Frederick L. Jenkins, Secretary of the Brooklyn Masonic Veterans; John C. Smith, President of the Illinois Masonic Veteran Association; Francis A. Blades, Detroit, Mich.; De Witt C. Cregier, Chicago, Ill.; George W. Prescott, Past Grand Master, San Francisco, Cal.; M. M. Miller, Topeka, Kan.; Edwin A. Sherman, Oakland, Cal., Secretary of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast; H. Wales Lines and William Wallace Lee, Meriden, Conn., President of the Masonic Veteran Association of Connecticut. The latter writes: "We have still living five of those who signed the Masonic Declaration of Connecticut in 1832. All of them are upwards of ninety, and the oldest is ninety-seven. He was made a Mason Nov. 13, 1820. I know of none that outrank him."

Cigars are never allowed at the Annual Feasts of the Veteran Association, but pipes are always "*en regle.*" As soon as these were distributed, the first regular toast, "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota," was responded to by M.·. W.·. Bro. Henry R. Denny, Past Grand Master. Regret is hereby expressed that it was entirely impromptu and the Secretary has been unable to secure a report of his eloquent remarks.

Following came the

ANNUAL ADDRESS

of the President, together with an account of "The Early Masons of St. Paul."

Venerable Brethren:

This evening marks for our Veteran Association the end of another prosperous year. If it has been uneventful, this is but another indication of its adequate fruition. The reports of our Secretary and Treasurer afford us ample reason for abundant congratulations. Precisely five years since, on the evening of Jan. 13, 1892, nine* of the twenty-three "signers of the call" for the formation of

*Bros. A. Barto, St. Cloud; M. E. Powell, Redwood Falls; D. M. Baldwin, Red Wing; W. G. Ten Brook, Duluth; H. L. Carver, G. W. Merrill, W. H. S. Wright, O. M. Metcalf and G. R. Metcalf, St. Paul.

this Association met in a little room off this hall, and after not a little discussion as the possibilities of success, with diffidence mingled with hope, they determined to make an attempt to unite the eligible Masons of the state into an organization, having in view kindred objects to similar bodies in the East. Judging from what we have since done, and knowing what we expect to accomplish, it would not be rash to asseverate that the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota is an assured success and has come to stay.

NEW ASSOCIATIONS.

Brief mention was made in my last address to the organization of a Veteran Association at Newcastle-on-Tyne as an institution of purely an American origin gaining a foothold on English soil. During the year this Association has broadened its jurisdiction, as an excerpt from a note, dated Dec. 31, 1896, this day received from our distinguished brother, W. J. Hughan of Torquay, shows: "We were constituted for England this year (early) as an outcome of one previously started at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Secretary and prime mover is Bro. F. F. Schnitger of Central Masonic Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England."

Nov. 11, 1896, witnessed the formation of the long-expected Masonic Veteran Association of Michigan. D. Burnham Tracy was elected President and Dr. W. M. Bailey, Secretary of the new organization. The headquarters of the Association are in Detroit, of which city both of the officers mentioned are residents. There is every reason to predict a brilliant career for this latest comer to the Veteran circle. No other state is reported to have formed an Association this year, though certain Kansas brethren are cherishing expectations in that direction. The Annual Reports of many of the bodies are becoming more and more interesting, and already they form an important addition to the yearly production of Masonic literature.

LUKEWARM MASONS.

In a response to a letter to a member of our Association suggesting he secure the application of certain eligible brethren in the city of his residence, he writes: "These brethren have long since lost all interest in the Order." I cannot too frequently or too emphatically repeat, that for just such Masons as these this Association has come into being—"To perpetuate existing friendships; to form new ones, and to keep alive and fructify the zeal of brethren" whose working days in the lodge are past and gone, is the foundation stone of our veteran building. Such Masons should be sought out and made to feel that in our organization they can find a company of congenial spirits, and by such fellowship have "their lost interest in the Order"

revivified and strengthened. Those of us who participate in such a labor are doing no mean share in the work of advancing the welfare of Blue Lodge Masonry.

"RATIO OB QUAM EXISTIMUS."

It is eminently fitting that an organization cherishing the aims and purposes of our Association should rescue from obscurity and make a matter of record every ascertainable fact pertaining to the earliest period of our Masonic development, and to the Craftsmen who laid the foundations of the Fraternity in Minnesota.

For several of our members, it would be no idle boast to assert—

"These things I saw,
And in most of them, the leading role I played."

To them, I would gladly relinquish the task of gathering those scattered fragments of an interesting past. But since, for one and another reason, it has been impossible to press them into service, I have ventured, as an introduction to the theme of Brother Armstrong, to record a few events in regard to the foundation of Masonry in the Capital City, and in point of time anticipating the organization of Cataract Lodge, No. 2, by more than twenty-nine months.

ST. PAUL IN 1849.

As far as Minnesota is concerned, history began in 1849. That year not only witnessed the creation of the Territory by act of Congress, but from it dates the arrival of nearly every person who stamped upon its plastic surface all the leading features of its subsequent evolution.

The words of an Ohio congressman, spoken in debate, and contending against the formation of a territorial government, summed up the outside opinion and the Eastern conception of the Northwestern wilderness:

"When God's footstool is so densely populated that each human being occupies two feet square, then, but not till then, will a white man go to the hyperborean regions of the Northwest, fit only to be the home of the savage and wild beast."

The isolation of Minnesota from the rest of the Union as it then existed is to-day hardly credible. Taylor was elected President on the first Tuesday in November, 1848. The news of his success was not known in St. Paul until Jan. 4, 1849. Congress passed the act creating the Territory March 3, 1849. The first boat arriving at St. Paul in the spring disseminated the news April 6, 1849, and the last mail previously received was in the latter part of February. In the early months of 1849, St. Paul consisted of a straggling collection of

log huts, sheltering an estimated population of perhaps two or three hundred. Third street—and that, like all the other streets, was called a street only by courtesy—formed the main thoroughfare of travel and traffic. Jackson street ended at Sixth street, and a corn field and potato patch occupied the present intersection of Seventh and Jackson streets. Robert street extended only to Fourth street, and there crossed a gully by a shaky foot bridge. Everything to the west and north of these streets was a jumble of thicket and marsh, with here and there an Indian trail winding through the brush in the direction of the Falls of St. Anthony. When the citizens became weary of a diet limited to salt pork, jerked venison and buffalo beef, a pond and swamp in the neighborhood of the present site of the Union Depot afforded them a never-ending supply of wild fowl. Such then was the physical conditions and surroundings of the spot where Minnesota Masonry was about to begin its triumphant progress. When we note the changes since effected, and regard our M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge, and enumerate the two hundred and six daughter lodges owing her allegiance and looking to her for life, and light, and guidance, well may we express astonishment and exclaim, "Behold what half a century has wrought!"

EARLY MASONIC HISTORY.

The initial issue of the *Minnesota Pioneer*, the first newspaper printed in St. Paul, left the press April 28, 1849. It was published in the lower story of a dilapidated building, standing opposite the present location of Brown, Treacy & Co.'s establishment on East Third street. The editor in his first paper announced: "We print and issue this number of the *Pioneer* in a building through which out-of-doors is visible by more than five hundred apertures." At nearly the same period, a visitor found the editor, who possessed neither chairs nor table, preparing copy while sitting on the floor, through the cracks of which a prairie hog was seen rooting beneath.

Its interest from a Masonic point of view grows out of the following item which appeared in its columns May 26, 1849, one month after its first issue. This was the first Masonic notice ever printed in the Territory:

"Members of the Masonic Fraternity in and near St. Paul intend to meet together in the room over the *Pioneer* office on Thursday evening next (May 31st) at 6 o'clock."

Whether this meeting ever materialized or who attended it is unknown. Certainly nothing of a permanent nature was accomplished until after the appearance upon the scene of Charles Kilgore Smith, the newly appointed Territorial Secretary.

The exact date of his advent is not known. The *Pioneer* of July 5, 1849, notices his presence in town, as having arrived a few days

previously. It is fair to presume he breathed new life into the determination of the resident brethren to establish a Masonic Lodge, for on the 12th day of July, less than two weeks after his coming, a second call appeared in the columns of the *Minnesota Chronicle*:

"MASONIC. All members of the order who may be at St. Paul on Monday next (the 16th inst.) are fraternally invited to attend a Convocation to be held at the American House at 7½ o'clock p. m. Punctual attendance is requested. B." (rawley?)

The American House, standing then at the northeast corner of West Third and Exchange streets, had just been completed in the unheard of time of ten weeks, and it was by far the most pretentious building in the Territory. There, on that Monday evening, gathered a few Masons, probably not exceeding a dozen, who, for purposes of securing greater seclusion than the rooms of a public house afforded, passed down Third street to a log schoolhouse, located in the block now bounded by Third, Fourth, St. Peter and Market streets. I have it on the authority of Father Pierson, who derived his information from one of the participants, no sooner were the doors closed than one of the number suggested that they all get down on their knees, place their hands on the Bible and swear that they were Masons. But when it was stated that there were older and more accurate methods of proving a Craftsman's qualifications, and these were put into practice, the would-be inconoclast of Masonic traditions was immediately discovered to be an impostor, and with the exuberance of feeling, so characteristic of the amenities of those early days, he was promptly and ignominiously kicked into the street.

The results growing out of that memorable gathering have been already related in detail and are published in the second number of our Proceedings. I shall confine my attention to the chief actors so engaged.

CHARLES KILGORE SMITH.

No history of Minnesota can ever ignore the prominent part played by its first Territorial Secretary in the creation of many of its most useful institutions, nor can any account of the introduction of Masonry into the Northwest pass over in silence the labors of the first Worshipful Master who occupied the Master's chair in a Minnesota Lodge. Like a majority of officeholders, before and since, Brother Smith hailed from Ohio. "He was one of the first born on Ohio soil, of the families that made up the little community of settlers around Fort Washington, who soon after their first landing in the then unbroken wilderness, reduced it to civilized order, and laid the foundations of the Queen City of the West, in a territory that became the State of Ohio in the short space of fifteen years from

the time those pioneers made their first battle with the wilderness and its savage features of primeval forest and aboriginal horrors."

Cincinnati, then, was the place and Feb. 15, 1799, the date of his birth. In 1805 he removed with his father to a farm near Hamilton, Butler county. In the crude schools of the vicinity he received his first educational training, and then he was sent to a grammar school at Oxford, out of which institution has since evolved Miami University. Three years of discipline in this school fitted him to become, in 1815, assistant to the clerk of the supreme and common pleas courts of Butler county. This position he held until 1821, when he was elected recorder of Butler county, to the duties of which were added that of treasurer in 1827. Both of these offices he filled until he resigned them in 1835, to become the cashier of the Bank of Hamilton. He was admitted to the bar in 1840, and in 1842 his connection with the bank terminated and he entered actively upon the duties of his profession. In March, 1848, he was elected an Associate Judge. He resigned from the bench on his appointment by President Taylor to the position of Territorial Secretary of Minnesota. Such, then, had been the civil career of the man who was destined to be the founder and organizer of the first Masonic Lodge in the Territory. His Masonic experience and maturation were equally extensive and thorough. Soon after the completion of his twenty-second year, he made application for Masonic light to Washington Lodge, No. 17, of Hamilton, in which he was initiated and passed June 5, 1821, and raised a Master Mason July 19, 1821. Almost immediately, he was elected Junior Warden, and at the expiration of his term of service succeeded by election to the post of Secretary, which he faithfully filled for four terms, only relinquishing it to be chosen Worshipful Master. In this position he served through the years 1825, 1826, 1830, 1836, 1840 and 1847. During the intervening years he was made Junior Warden for one and Senior Warden for two terms. On his retirement from the East at the end of his last term, Dec. 2, 1847, his lodge expressed their appreciation by resolving, "that the thanks of this lodge are hereby presented to Bro. C. K. Smith for the untiring zeal and able manner in which he has presided over the lodge for the last year." Of his Capitular record there is no trace. He must have been exalted to the Royal Arch, for his oldest surviving daughter possesses a certificate which relates that "on March 8, 1826, at Miami Encampment, No. 2, held at Lebanon, Ohio, Charles K. Smith was created a Knight of the Red Cross." He was dimitted from Washington Lodge June 2, 1849, and as that was the approximate time of his departure to Minnesota he probably intended to unite himself to the Fraternity should he find it existing in the place of his remote destination.

Passing over the events of his purely political life while in the Territory, we gain a clearer conception of the man by following the

enterprises in which he was a moving spirit. As an Odd Fellow, he was a charter member of the first lodge established in St. Paul. He was the originator of the public school system of the Territory, culminating in the Territorial University, of which he was appointed one of the first Board of Regents. The State Historical Society owns him as its founder. The organization of the society was brought about by him, and through his exertions it was incorporated by the first territorial legislature. The first volume of its proceedings was published and circulated throughout the whole extent of the United States at the sole expense of Brother Smith. And finally, two of the churches in the city owe their very beginnings to his indefatigable exertions.

An old and life-long friend said of him after his death: "He was a man of intensified character and most strongly marked individuality, though far less selfish than such men are apt to be. There was very little of compromise in his disposition. What he was, he was decidedly. His friends were unqualifiedly such, and his enemies, for such a man could not well be without enemies, were equally pronounced. His friendship was strong and enduring, while his remembrance of wrong and injuries seemed never to survive an offer of reparation or reconciliation—and now those who most intimately knew him, most earnestly cherish his memory."

In a new country where a certain pliancy of disposition and a large measure of political finesse were necessary to insure success in life, it may be easily understood that a man who always said what he thought, and acted up to the level of his convictions, found many ready to antagonize his schemes of building up the varied interests of the infant commonwealth. The papers of the time fairly bristle with items aimed at the Territorial Secretary, and from the same sources it may be readily proved he paid back his tormentors in their own coin with more than legal interest. Careful inquiry has failed to find a reasonable explanation of these contests, for no two informants agree as to the causes. At any rate, he resigned* in 1851 and returned to Hamilton, Ohio, where he purchased the homestead of his father upon which he began life in Butler county in 1805; settled down to the cultivation of his farm and gave very little attention to public affairs for the remainder of his life. Apoplexy was the cause of his death Sept. 28, 1866, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. In appearance Brother Smith was rather slender and nearly six feet in height; of a florid complexion; with clearly cut features; tightly compressed lips; a chin indicating firmness of character and

*Department of State, Washington, Jan. 14, 1897.

The records of this Department show that Mr. Charles K. Smith was appointed secretary of the Territory of Minnesota for four years from March 19, 1849. His resignation is not on file and its date is not of record here, but it appears that his successor, Mr. Alexander Wilkin, was appointed on Oct. 10, 1851. * * *

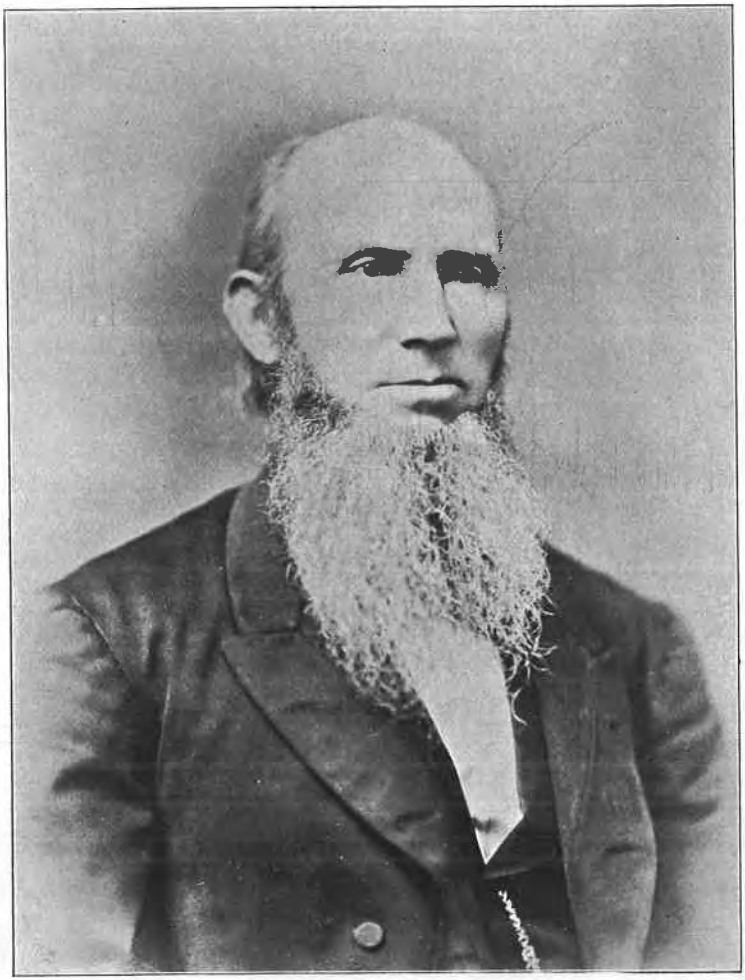
tenacity of purpose. Our representation of him is from a portrait, taken about ten years subsequent to his departure from Minnesota.

THE TWO WARDENS.

Little is known of the early Masonic history of James Hughes, the first Senior Warden, or of Daniel Franklin Brawley, the first Junior Warden and second Worshipful Master of St. Paul Lodge. They were Masons on their arrival in St. Paul, but where and when they became such is a matter still open for investigation. The problem is still further complicated, as the dispensation stating the lodge affiliations of the charter members either was never returned to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, or if returned, it has become mislaid or lost. Of James Hughes it may be stated that he was born Oct. 12, 1805, in Prince Edwards county, Virginia. Receiving a classical education at the Hampden-Sydney College of Virginia, and entering the legal profession, he removed to Ohio in 1835, and served in the legislature of that state in 1838 and 1839, for one term of which he was Speaker of the House. The first boat coming up the river in 1849 landed him in St. Paul. He founded, or was the proprietor of, the *Minnesota Chronicle*, and with the versatility of so many of the early settlers, he practiced law, dealt in real estate and kept the old St. Paul House, of which mention will be made later. Finally he left St. Paul and died in Hudson in the year 1873.

Daniel Franklin Brawley was born Jan. 11, 1818, near New Paris, Preble county, Ohio. As emigration pressed westward, he removed to Pike county, Illinois, in 1837, and again in 1841 to Galena, where he married. For three years previous to his arrival in St. Paul, April 19, 1849, he was a resident of Plattsville, Wis. His name frequently appears on the roll of the early office holders of the city, and he was engaged in numerous business enterprises pertaining to its development until he removed to Pembina in 1870, and finally to St. Vincent, Minn., where he died July 7, 1885.

With these brethren as officers, the first lodge meeting was held in the office of the Worshipful Master, Sept. 8, 1849, the dispensation just received from the Grand Master of Ohio was read, and the first petition of a candidate, that of Charles Peter Scott, was presented and referred to a committee for investigation. The office of the Master was either in one of the rooms of the Central House, a weather-boarded log structure, located at the corner of Bench (now Second) and Minnesota streets, the present site of the rear of the so-called Mannheimer block, or in a frame building constructed in the summer of that year by Brother Smith for territorial offices. The office stood directly east of the Central House on Bench street. In all probability the meeting was in the latter building. The second meeting followed September 10th, in the Sons of Temperance Hall, which stood on the present site of No. 11 East Third street. The



Respectfully Yours
Charles P. Scott

Initiated in St. Paul Lodge, U. D., September 17, 1849.
The first of the more than twenty one thousand Masons made within the limits of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

main hall was located in the second story, and was lighted by two small windows. In size it was about twenty by thirty feet, and the Tyler and preparation rooms were mere boxes. At this meeting it was "Resolved to meet next Monday evening, at St Paul Hotel, kept by Bro. J. Hughes, which is to be fitted up by that time to accommodate the future meetings of the Lodge." That hotel was a frame building, constructed in the summer of 1849, and situated two doors eastwardly from the office of the Territorial Secretary,* on Bench street. In a room of that house on the 17th of September, 1849, occurred an event of interest to every Minnesota Craftsman.

CHARLES PETER SCOTT,

the first of the more than twenty-one thousand Masons made within the limits of the present jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was there brought to Masonic light. After a prolonged inquiry, I have been enabled to unearth a very few details in the career of this, to all Minnesota Masons, historic brother. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 10, 1814. Of his early life no information is obtainable, save that he was by trade a plasterer and decorator. He came to St. Paul May 27, 1849, to pursue his calling in this growing community. That he was married before his arrival is inferred from the circumstance that his wife, immediately after his initiation, assisted the wives of the other early Masons in the making of aprons for the brethren and the collars for the officers, hence it is presumable that the furniture of the lodge and the clothing of the officers and members on that historic night presented even a cruder appearance than the lodge described by Brother Countryman a year

*The correctness of the location of the St. Paul House is disputed. I have made it on the statement of S. P. Folsom, Esq., a recognized authority on all matters pertaining to early St. Paul. Under date of Jan. 7, 1897, he writes: "C. K. Smith, on his first arrival in St. Paul, held his office in the old Central House, kept by Robert Kennedy, and located at the corner of Bench (now Second) and Minnesota streets. Afterwards he erected a building directly east of the Central House and occupied it as an office. The next building east, at the same date, was a two-story one, kept as a saloon by David Murray. The next building east of Murray's saloon was a two-story frame one, erected by James Hughes and opened as an hotel. These last three buildings were erected in the summer of 1849." A. L. Larpenteur, Esq., a resident since Sept. 15, 1843, concurs in this opinion. Per contra, Williams' History of St. Paul states: "The Merchants Hotel is the offspring of the old St. Paul House and occupies its site." (Corner of East Third and Jackson streets.) "In one of the additions to it, a Lodge of Free Masons was held." After a diligent search through the files of the Pioneer and of the Chronicle of 1849 and 1850, I have about come to the same conclusion, and I now think that the office building of Brother Smith was not erected until the spring of 1850, in which case the meeting of Sept. 8, 1849, was held in the east room of the Central House. Curiously, the early papers always mention St. Paul Lodge as of Ancient York Masons. So likewise does the Lodge itself in the published notices of its Regular Communications.

ago. From St. Paul, Brother Scott removed to Hudson, Wis., in the early fifties, and from thence to Lakeland, Minn., where he remained until 1860. Going to Memphis, Tenn., at the outbreak of the war, he was denounced to the authorities as a Union man and suffered much at the hands of the officials until it became known he was a Mason. By the brethren he was protected and assisted in his escape from the South. He reached St. Paul in 1862, and remaining for a week, he removed to California, where for the greater part of the time until his death, he followed with considerable success his vocation in San Jose.* He must have returned to Minnesota for a brief season in 1871, for his autograph appears in the records of the Old Settlers' Association under date of October 24th of that year. On the 10th of June, 1888, in the State Insane Asylum of Stockton, California, he died of softening of the brain, complicated by erysipelas. The portrait presented is from a photograph taken from a crayon enlargement, and it is a faithful representation of Minnesota's first Mason as he appeared about the middle of the last decade.

From this and the portrait of Brother Smith we may gain a better idea of the appearances of these early Masons than unnumbered pages of description. They are my personal contribution to the interest of this Reunion, and I beg of the brethren to accept them in the spirit they are tendered. Should they incite in only one brother an interest to quarry among the ledges of the early history of Minnesota Masonry, I shall feel amply rewarded. The ore is rich beneath the surface.

NECROLOGY.

"Of all the wonders that I yet have heard,
It seems to me most strange that men should fear;
Seeing that death, a necessary end,
Will come when it will come."

As the years grow shorter with advancing life, and the shadows of the setting sun ever and again lengthen, it behooves us "to think not disdainfully of death, but look on it with favor; for even death is one of the things that Nature wills."

Leniently has it dealt with our Association in the year just passed. Two only of our members are known to have surrendered life to be perfected by death.

CHRISTOPHER HOLMES SMITH,

an active member, and long a resident of Worthington, but through his official position of Insurance Commisioner of the state, at the time of his decease residing in St. Paul, died on June 18, 1896. Manfully and patiently he struggled with that most terrible of all

*Without the fraternal coöperation of Bro. Ernest W. Conant, W.·. M.·. of San Jose Lodge, No. 10, this quest would have proved futile.

diseases, cancer, and when the final summons came, it was gladly welcomed. Our brother was a Vermonter, and was born in Weston, July 14, 1834. He was made a Master Mason in Richland Lodge, No. 66, of Richland county, Wisconsin, May, 1861. Coming to Minnesota, and transferring his Masonic allegiance, in due time he became the Master of Prudence Lodge, No. 97, and occupied that position for eight terms. Of Living Arch Chapter, No. 28, R.·. A.·. M.·., he was High Priest for three years. At the time of his death, he was a member and Past Master of Fraternity Lodge, No 101, of Worthington; of the Royal Arch Chapter in the same town, and of Damascus Commandery, No. 1, K.·. T.·. In 1884 he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. In civil life for a long series of years, he pursued an active career. He had been a member of the Legislature and had held the offices of County Treasurer and County Auditor, and for a time he was a receiver of the United States Land Office. An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge was held June 19th for the purpose of conducting his funeral ceremonies. He was buried in Richland Center, Wis.

GEORGE ADELBERT BLAIR,

an active member, was born at Chester, Mass., Jan. 11, 1840, and died at Waterville, Aug. 21, 1896. Brother Blair was initiated Aug. 25, 1866, passed Sept. 29, 1866, and raised Oct. 2, 1866, in Sakatah Lodge, No. 32, of Waterville. Of this lodge, he was a Past Master, and to it he belonged at the time of his death. He was a member of Waterville Chapter, No. 56, R.·. A.·. M.·., and of Faribault Commandery, No. 9, K.·. T.·.

Our brother was one of the oldest settlers of Le Sueur county, having resided in Waterville since 1865. He was a man of wide influence, socially, politically, and fraternally. In 1880 he was the sheriff of the county and filled that office with great credit for two years. In his business he had been successful and he left a large amount of property.

His funeral was conducted by the Masonic Fraternity, and was attended by an immense throng from the entire county.

Thus one by one

> "Our friends depart and memory takes them
> To her caverns, pure and deep."

Next came a sketch of

THE BEGINNINGS OF MASONRY IN MINNEAPOLIS.

BY BRO. SOLON ARMSTRONG.

Brother President and Venerable Brethren:

Cataract Lodge, No. 2, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, received a dispensation from M.·. W.·. Bro.

Thomas J. Pickett, Grand Master of Masons of the State of Illinois, dated Feb. 5, 1852, authorizing Alfred E. Ames, J. W. T. Gardner, Daniel M Coolbaugh, Wilhelm Brainer, John H. Stevens, Isaac Brown, Emanuel Case, Ard. Godfrey, and William Smith to open a lodge and make Masons at the town of St. Anthony Falls, Ramsey county (at that date), Minnesota. The dispensation designated Alfred E. Ames as first Master; William Smith, first Senior Warden; and Isaac Brown, first Junior Warden. The first meeting of Cataract Lodge U.·. D.·. was held Feb. 14, 1852, at the house of Bro. Ard. Godfrey,* with barely enough members to open the lodge and—"so says tradition"—with Mrs. Godfrey outside the door of the room, acting as Tyler.

Sixteen petitions having been received at the first meeting after organization, it was found necessary to rent the hall of the Odd Fellows† to accommodate the rapidly increasing numbers.

The lodge worked under dispensation until Oct. 2, 1852, when an application was made to the Grand Lodge of Illinois for a charter. Up to that time forty-two petitions had been received and acted upon, and nearly all the petitioners had received the degrees. It was chartered as Cataract Lodge, No. 121, by the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois; M.·. W.·. Bro. E. B. Ames was the Grand Master. He has been for many years and now is an honored resident of Minneapolis.

The charter was accompanied by a dispensation, directed to Bro. Emanuel Case, and authorizing him to constitute the lodge and install the officers.

On Oct. 21, 1852, R.·. W.·. Brother Case read to the assembled brethren the dispensation, together with the charter, and he then proceeded to constitute the lodge as Cataract Lodge, No. 121, under the jurisdiction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, and he installed its duly elected officers in due and ancient form.

By the way, I notice that in the Proceedings of the three pioneer lodges of Minnesota when they met in Convention to organize the Grand Lodge of Minnesota Feb. 23, 1853, they were designated as—

St. Paul Lodge, No. 1, of St. Paul.

St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, of Stillwater.

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*Bro. Ard Godfrey's house is (was) located at 109 Prince street southeast.

†Odd Fellows Hall still stands on Main street northeast between Fourth and Fifth avenues. From the Odd Fellows Hall up town, the Lodge removed to a hall in the Fremont House, which stood on Main street southeast at the corner of Second avenue, and from thence to what was known as the King Building, about two blocks further down Main street. There it remained until the building was burned, with very little loss to the Lodge. After a peripatetic existence for a short time, the Lodge secured, in the fall of 1857, the third floor of Capt. John Rollins' building, corner of Prince street and Second avenue south, where it remained until it occupied its own premises, Nos. 20 and 22 University avenue southeast.

Cataract Lodge, No. 168, of St. Anthony Falls.

Our written records say Cataract Lodge, No. 121.

The first W.·. M.·. of Cataract Lodge was the same under the charter as under the dispensation. W.·. Bro. Alfred E. Ames, the first Master, became the first M.·. W.·. Grand Master of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of A.·. F.·. A.·. M.·. of Minnesota, and than whom a better posted Mason or a more noble-hearted man could not be found among the early settlers of Minnesota.

An act of the Territorial Legislature, approved March 5, 1853, incorporated the Grand Lodge of A.·. F.·. A.·. M.·. of Minnesota, by which act Cataract Lodge, No. 2, A.·. F.·. A.·. M.·. of St. Anthony was likewise incorporated.

Among the early members of Cataract Lodge we find many of the pioneers of Minnesota. Early on the roll are Dr. A. E. Ames, Ard. Godfrey, Col. John H. Stevens, Daniel M. Coolbaugh, Emanuel Case, Charles T. Stearns, Robert W. Cummings, Joseph Dean, J. P. Wilson, Dr. John H. Murphy, Moses W. Getchell, Anson Northrup, C. W. Borup, Edward Patch, Franklin Steele, Major George A. Camp, Isaac I. Lewis, Hon. Edmund Rice, O. W. Rice, Alv. Allen, Norman W. Kittson, Judge B. B. Meeker, Philip Beaupre, S. B. Lowry, Edward Lippincott, and many others. Nearly all of them are numbered among the honored dead, but they have left their mark, not only on the early records of Masonry, but upon the early history of our noble State as well. "*Requiescant in pace.*"

Cataract Lodge is well known in all the Masonic circles throughout the State. She gave to the Grand Lodge her first Grand Master. To the Grand Chapter she has given R. S. Alden, A. E. Ames, M. W. Getchell, and C. D. Boyce as M.·. E.·. High Priests. The Grand Council of R. and S. M. owe to her four of the M.·. I.·. Grand Masters,—A. E. Ames, A. Z. Levering, R. H. Baker, and C. D. Boyce,—while four of her members have attained command of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar,—A. E. Ames, M. W. Getchell, William Lochren, and A. Z. Levering.

Cataract Lodge has grown well from a small beginning. It has now a membership of over three hundred and fifty. It owns the ground and building in which the lodge-room is located. The corner stone of this building was laid in ample form on Aug. 11, 1874, by the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Minnesota, R.·. W.·. J. N. Castle, Deputy Grand Master, presiding. Dec. 28, 1874, the lodge-room was formally dedicated by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Charles Griswold, assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge. Here may it long remain! Throughout the State the growth of Freemasonry has been wonderful. From the starting point of three small lodges, in 1853, with a limited membership, we now have two hundred and six lodges, with an actual membership of over fifteen thousand. Masonry has certainly kept even strides towards wealth and numbers that characterizes our adopted State.

My Venerable Brethren, we came to this frontier Territory when it was almost a howling wilderness. About us roamed the wild beasts of the forest and the still wilder untamable Indian. We came to stay; we are here now. We have seen the wilderness blossom as the rose. The hostile savages have been driven to the far West, and where once were a few scattered hamlets and settlements, today we have large and prosperous cities and towns, and cultivated farms extending throughout the length and breadth of our beloved State. In all our struggle for material wealth and prosperity, we have kept in sight the noble tenets, the sublime teachings and the Ancient Landmarks of our beloved Order as they have been handed down to us

"From the grand old Masters,
From the Bards sublime,
Whose distant footsteps echo
Along the corridors of Time."

Masonry is founded on the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It is older than the everlasting hills, older than the temples of mythology, and will survive "the wrecks of matter and the crush of worlds."

"We meet upon the Level, we act by the Plumb, and we part upon the Square. What words of noble meaning these words Masonic are." What better code than this has ever been laid down by sages or philosophers since God said, "Let there be light?" If we follow our Masonic teachings we will have the satisfaction of doing right to our brethren in all conditions of life and extending to them Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, which we may expect to receive from them in turn when our time of necessity comes.

"Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

My Brothers, there are many among us whose silver locks, feeble footsteps, and dim vision show that they are traveling far down the western slopes towards the setting sun, whose rapidly declining rays cast weird, dark and ghost-like shadows far back into the dim and distant past. In reviewing our past lives, God grant that one and all of us can say, "He that does as well as his circumstances will allow," "does well, acts nobly; angels could do more." To you, the deepening twilight is fast merging into the darkness of night "in which no man shall work." In a few short years, the cold winds will come sighing around you, the clammy dews will collect upon your forehead. May each one of you

"So live that when the summons come to join,
The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of Death,
Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Owing to the regretable absence of the author, Bro. W. H. S. Wright read the contribution of Bro. John H. La Vaque on

THE MASONIC PIONEERS OF DULUTH.

Brethren of the Masonic Veteran Association:

I am called upon to prepare a ten-minute paper on "The Masonic Pioneers of Duluth," those worthy brethren who, through privations and difficulties, brought into existence Palestine Lodge, No. 79, and assisted in building up Blue Lodge Masonry upon the shores of the unsalted sea.

I look back in memory to the evening, now nearly twenty-seven years ago,* when a small but zealous band of Masons assembled in the little half-story attic of a building on the identical spot where stands the beautiful Masonic Temple of to-day. This is more comfortable and more modern, yet who may say that it shelters a larger measure of the genuine spirit of Masonry than the little old attic lodge of "other days."

First I see our Brother Campbell of dignified carriage, sober and sedate face, slow of speech as he conferred the degrees with all the dignity and solemnity of a bishop. He was the only Master who ever wore the conventional silk hat as shown in the Monitors, until we come down to the time of our "latter day saint," Brother Patton.

Next I see our Brother Edgar Nash, whose genial, bubbling, good nature was such he could not keep a sober face try as he might. And while he conferred the degrees with exactness (as we then knew the work), yet there was that bright twinkle in his eye which raised a doubt in the mind of the searcher after truth, whether the Master was really trying to make him "wiser and better" or only "happier." He was always ready and watching for a story or a joke.

Then there was Brother Bloomer, with his well-rounded proportions and cleanly shaved face as he sat in the Master's chair, with a sober, solemn countenance, illy befitting him. He was impatient for the ending of the ceremony, that he might mingle with the brethren and enjoy the surprises and accidents of the occasion and relax his official dignity.

Then followed our friend and brother, James A. Olds. Who can forget him? His piercing sharp eyes, his hair and moustache bleached to a silvery whiteness by the snows of more than three score winters; small in stature, and yet as the two Giblemites assisted him to a seat in the Master's large chair, he commanded the love and respect of all his brethren. His age and long Masonic experience always made his counsel and advice welcomed and respected. Truly we mourned his loss as we sadly bore him to his small and lonely home on the hill side.

*Palestine Lodge No. 79 was organized U. D. Jan. 29, 1869; chartered, Jan. 12, 1870.

The next face to attract my attention as I glance backward in memory to those "other days," is that of our Past Master and brother, J. J. Hull, whose age, experience and knowledge of Masonic law and usage, and genial good nature, made his presence at our meetings indispensable. Of the old members and visitors of Palestine, who will forget, after the regular order of business was finished, the numerous "side degrees" he exemplified, the teachings of which intermingled with mirth and anecdote were wont to fill up the time and insure a large attendance at the next gathering, for all knew it was good to be there. He, too, has crossed over to the home of the great majority.

The next claimant for our attention is the once familiar figure of the lamented Bro. J. B. Culver, our Master under the dispensation, a perfect gentleman, a man of infinite humor, and a good story-teller. He made pleasant nights and pleasant memories for the old lodge-room, and he had the interests and welfare of the lodge always at heart. In the chapter when at refreshment in the Past Master's degree, he was ever ready with a good Democratic speech when the Tyler announced that Brother Jackson (colored) desired admission. We cherish his memory. Tenderly was he borne to his last resting place by his brethren.

In memory, I see other faces of brethren whose seats are vacant now; of brethren well advanced in years as well as in Masonry, who assisted in building up Blue Lodge Masonry in Duluth, a quarter of a century ago; of James D. Ray, ever ready with wise counsel and shrewd advice, with time and money to assist his brethren and strengthen his lodge; of a Brother Graham, full of years and ripe experience, an old-time Mason if such a one is possible, a member of the old so-called "John Morgan Lodge" of New York; of a Selby, a courteous, polished gentleman of the old school, and like the brethren of that time, ever ready to stretch out his hand to assist the worthy and the needy.

These with others whose names I have not time to mention, in the limits of this paper, are the men who were the pioneers of Blue Lodge Masonry in Duluth; the men who during the dark days of our early existence kept the sacred fire burning brightly upon our Altar, and made the Palestine Lodge of to-day possible to the sleeker and more dapper brethren of the present. Such, my brethren, is my remembrance of the pioneer "Blue Lodge Masons of Duluth."

A series of facts of interest to the Masonic students of the Jurisdiction was presented in a

HISTORY OF THE DEFUNCT LODGES OF MINNESOTA.

BY THOMAS MONTGOMERY, GRAND SECRETARY.

Mr. President and Brethren:

The preparation of an aceptable paper on so uninviting a subject as the demise of lodges seemed so improbable when first sug-

gested, that I concluded to decline the task assigned me by the President; but on reflection, and at his urgent request, I thought it might be worth the effort, to preserve in this way, for future reference, a brief history of those lodges once on our roll, but now for the most part extinct. In making search for data for this paper, I found in our published proceedings and office records material enough to require an hour for its recital, but will endeavor to condense so that I may not prove tiresome, even if the subject-matter be uninteresting.

Since the 24th day of February, 1853, when the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was organized, there have been issued 220 separate lodge charters, besides a score or more of duplicates. Two of these were given the name and number of defunct lodges, so that our highest recorded number is 218.

Only 202 now remain on the roll; therefore we have to deal with eighteen lodges which have been stricken from our roll since said organization, although three of these are now subordinates of neighboring jurisdictions.

The first to be mentioned is old St. Paul, No. 3, whose history for over six years, and final demise with cause therefor, was given at length in my paper on "Early Masonry in Minnesota," read before you two years ago. It was the earliest organized of any of our lodges, the first meeting being held Sept. 8, 1849, by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand Master of Ohio, dated August 8th of that year. In continued to work under this dispensation until May, 1852, when it was returned, and another accepted that month from the Deputy Grand Master of Wisconsin, and a reorganization effected under the name of Polar Star Lodge, which continued some eight months. While we deny the right of a Deputy Grand Master to issue a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge, we simply state the fact that the members of old St. Paul accepted it in preference to the one from Ohio. The Grand Lodge of Ohio, however, voted a charter to St. Paul Lodge and designated an officer to constitute the same. This decided the brethren to cease working under the Wisconsin dispensation and to at once accept the charter from Ohio.

This charter was dated Jan. 24, 1853, and because it was antedated by the charters to St. Johns and Cataract, St. Paul Lodge became No. 3 on our roll, although the earliest formed. One or more unruly members disturbed the officers and other brethren to such an extent that, at a meeting held Jan. 8, 1856, the members voted to surrender their charter to the Grand Lodge, then in session. This was formally done the next day, and all property turned over. At that time there remained about fifty members out of ninety-two enrolled.

On Jan. 10, 1856, ten of these, with four others, petitioned the Grand Lodge for a charter for a new lodge at St. Paul, which was

granted the same day, and the new lodge given the name and number of the recently disbanded one. This was the origin of the present St. Paul Lodge, No. 3. Eventually some twenty-five of the members of old No. 3 became affiliated with it.

Troubles arose in Shakopee Lodge, No. 6, and Henderson, No. 13, resulting in the arrest of their charters; that of the former by Grand Lodge in October, 1859, and that of the latter by the Grand Master earlier in the year. These lodges had been found guilty of gross unmasonic conduct on various occasions, and were given a year to show cause why their charters should not be forfeited. In the meantime the Grand Master was authorized to restore their charters, should they purge themselvs of the charges against them.

It appears that matters rested there, for in October, 1860, the Grand Secretary reported having the charters and lodge property in his possession. It was then ordered that if they fully satisfied the Grand Master that the causes for suspension were removed and that they were willing to resume labor in accordance with the ancient landmarks and principles of Masonry, he might restore their charters. The charters were never restored.

Shakopee, No. 6, at that time had forty-five members out of sixty-six on the roll. It had an existence of nearly five years, being organized U.·. D.·. Nov. 4, 1854, and chartered Jan. 2, 1855. King Solomon Lodge, No. 44, succeeded it at Shakopee, July 10, 1863.

Henderson, No. 13, had only eighteen members on the roll. It was succeeded by Henderson, No. 80, Feb. 23, 1869. But few of the old members united with these new lodges.

The Grand Secretary reported at this same session of 1860, that he had the charters and books of St. Cloud, No. 15, and Meridian, No. 25, Chatfield. The former was organized U.·. D.·. at St. Cloud, Nov. 1, 1856; chartered Jan. 6, 1857, and existed only two years, acquiring a membership of sixteen. The latter was opened as Chatfield U.·. D.·. Jan. 22, 1857; chartered as Meridian, No. 25, Oct. 27, 1858, and continued active for about two and a half years, having at its demise twenty-six members out of an enrollment of thirty-two.

Old Faribault, No. 9, organized U.·. D.·. March 3, 1856, was charged with gross irregularities, which were investigated in person by the Grand Master, the charges found sustained, and the charter arrested early in 1863. His action was sustained, and a petition for the restoration of the charter was refused by Grand Lodge in October, 1863, owing to evidence of a discordant element among the members. Several visits were paid to Faribault by the Grand Master, but all to no avail, until finally he discovered this discordant element, suspended two of them, and with the approval of the remaining members placed the charter in the hands of a Past Master (Bro. L. Dearborn) as his proxy, and authorized a resumption of labor. This was in 1864.

At the Grand Lodge session of October, 1864, the charter was restored and the lodge ordered to prefer charges and try the members suspended by the Grand Master. From Grand Master Prescott's address, in 1865, we learn that in May of that year he was advised by Brother Dearborn that the trouble still existed, tarnishing the fame both of the lodge and of Masonry, and that June 1st the charter was surrendered with the consent of nearly all the members. A petition for a new lodge immediately followed and was granted June 7, 1865, and Brother Dearborn directed to receive all the money, records and property and forward to the Grand Secretary, retaining the jewels and furniture for the new lodge. There were ninety on the roll at this time, but more than half had been stricken from the roll or had withdrawn. The new lodge was chartered Oct. 25, 1865, as Faribault, No. 53, but by vote of the Grand Lodge was changed to No. 9, Jan. 15, 1869, which accounts for the disappearance from our roll of No. 53.

No. 15 had its charter arrested by the Grand Master for the following reasons: The lodge had ceased to meet for want of a place in which to meet; they had neither paid their dues to Grand Lodge nor been represented for two years; the Master had departed to a place unknown, taking part of the lodge funds with him, and the Treasurer had absented himself with the balance. Most of the members had also moved out of the jurisdiction. Reasons enough, surely.

In the case of No. 25, they voted to surrender their charter, and some of them applied to the Grand Master for a dispensation for a new lodge. The charter was accepted, but the dispensation was refused, as he became satisfied that the brethren had forgotten the great masonic principle of toleration. No. 15 was succeeded by North Star, No. 23, a lodge organized U.·. D.·. at Watab, Oct. 25, 1857, and moved to St. Cloud in May, 1861. No. 25 was succeeded by the present Meridian, No. 56, organized U.·. D.·. at Chatfield, Jan. 11, 1866.

Pacific Lodge, No. 10, was organized U.·. D.·. at St. Paul July 14, 1856; chartered Jan. 6, 1857, and presumably surrendered its charter Dec. 27, 1861. Several of the members enlisted in the army, and others prominent in its affairs had left the city, leaving but few who cared to continue the work. It had an enrollment of forty-four at the time of surrender. Its book of minutes, ledger, Secretary's receipts and Book of Constitution, all nicely bound in purple sheep, are preserved in my office. There are recorded the minutes of 114 stated communications.

From reliable authority we learn that this lodge was very punctilious in conducting its work and business, and was known at the time as the silk-stocking lodge. The officers always appeared in full evening dress, wearing white kid gloves, but nevertheless did such

excellent work, that brethren from other lodges were always attracted to its meetings.

From the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1865 we learn that two lots owned by the lodge in Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul, came into possession of the Grand Lodge, and that a committee was appointed to improve the same, it being stated that the other two St. Paul lodges had adjoining lots. They were accordingly improved, together with six other lots adjoining, at an expense of $104.25, the Grand Lodge paying one-third. On inquiry, we learn that these lots are still the property of the Grand Lodge, their perpetual care being provided for,—a discovery which alone pays us for the trouble of getting up this paper.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 68, was first organized at Pembina, Dakota Territory, by virtue of a dispensation from Grand Master Pierson given about the middle of September, 1863, to Chas. W. Nash and eleven others.

The dispensation was renewed in 1864, and the seat of the lodge removed to Fort Garry, in the Red River settlements, British America. It was again renewed in 1865, as the brethren did not desire a charter; and still again Nov. 21, 1866. A charter was granted Oct. 23, 1867, on condition that returns be made and accounts settled, but this was never done, and hence the charter was never delivered; in fact, it was never made out. The great distance from St. Paul rendered it almost impracticable to constitute the lodge, even if the conditions had been met. The charter was formally revoked Jan. 13, 1870. The establishment of this lodge at Fort Garry, now Winnipeg, Manitoba, was the introduction of Masonry into that province. Its members doubtless became absorbed with the Winnipeg lodges. We learned in January, 1896, that its records and papers are in possession of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who at our last session was permitted to retain them. I have not at hand any data to judge of the amount of work done.

Forest City Lodge, No. 70, dates from June 11, 1867, the date of the first dispensation, the second bearing date Oct. 22, 1867. The charter was issued Jan. 15, 1869. The last work done was in 1871. It was represented by proxy at the Grand Lodge in 1873, but had made no returns for 1872. The charter now on file was probably surrendered in 1873. This lodge probably owes its decadence to the change of county seat to Litchfield, a new railroad town, where a lodge was organized in 1871. There were left as members twenty-four out of thirty-six on the roll.

Minneiska, No. 74, in Wabasha county, was organized U.·. D.·. April 24, 1868, and chartered Jan. 15, 1869.

At the 1880 session of the Grand Lodge, permission was asked to surrender their charter, but later withdrawn. No work was done after February, 1877. The charter, records and other property were

destroyed by fire about 1881, and no effort made thereafter to start afresh. The charter was withdrawn Jan. 11, 1882. Only twelve members were left out of the twenty-seven enrolled.

Yellowstone, No. 88, was started at Fort Buford, Dakota Territory, U.·. D.·. dated Jan. 26, 1871, and chartered Jan. 10, 1872. The charter was surrendered June 6, 1874. It was composed principally of soldiers. When they were removed at the close of 1873, the lodge was left without a Master, Wardens or Past Master, and hence could not be opened. In view of this condition the Grand Master appointed Bro. B. L. Perry his proxy to visit the lodge, which he did, convening the remaining members June 6, 1874, for consultation. After due deliberation they voted to surrender the charter, which, with the records, was sent to the Grand Secretary. The building was sold to pay Brother Perry's expenses, and the jewels, aprons and furniture were turned over to Bismarck Lodge U.·. D.·.

Shiloh Lodge, No. 105, was organized at Fargo, Dakota Territory. Its dispensation was dated Nov. 22, 1872, and renewed in January, 1873. It was chartered Jan. 14, 1874, and constituted thereunder Feb. 9, 1874, by Bro. B. L. Perry. This was years before the Grand Lodge of Dakota was organized. For some reason or by oversight, when the preliminary steps were being taken for the formation of a Grand Lodge in Dakota, Shiloh Lodge, No. 105, at Fargo, and Bismarck, No. 120, were not consulted or given an opportunity to participate. Soon after its formation it attempted to coerce these lodges into uniting with and becoming constituent members of that Grand Lodge, but without success. They had been ignored at first, and therefore resolved to continue their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, which had given them their charters, and in this position were sustained by our Grand Lodge. This gave rise to much bitterness of feeling, and for a time threatened very unfriendly relations between the two Grand Lodges. Finally, after somewhat of a controversy between the respective Grand Lodges, Shiloh Lodge asked our Grand Lodge for permission to transfer its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Dakota, which was freely granted in January, 1880, in the interests of peace and harmony. At that time there were forty members left out of fifty-two on the roll.

The first lodge at Bismarck, Dakota Territory, was organized U.·. D.·. in 1874. A charter was refused by our Grand Lodge in January, 1875, although recommended by the committee, owing to alleged irregularities which seemed to demand its cessation from work. A second dispensation was issued in 1875 to other petitioners, good and reliable brethren, who promised to do only good and square work in the future, to whom a charter was granted as Bismarck Lodge, No. 120, Jan. 12, 1876. The latest work reported was in August, 1879, when there was an enrollment of twenty-nine. Like Shiloh, No. 105, it remained loyal to our Grand Lodge, until, in De-

cember, 1880, by the advice of Grand Master Wells, it transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

Centennial, No. 127, at Delano, Minn, as its name indicates, was organized U.·. D.·. Feb. 3, 1876, and chartered Jan. 10, 1877. In September, 1886, its charter was arrested for gross irregularities permitted by the Worshipful Master, and on January 12th this was confirmed, and in addition the members were suspended by vote of Grand Lodge unless the Grand Master saw fit to restore the same within twelve months. On April 11, 1887, Grand Master Brown, by an edict, restored the members to the rights and privileges of Masonry as non-affiliates, concluding, after investigation, that the trouble arose not so much from viciousness of the members as a total inability on the part of the officers to manage and govern the lodge. The charter and records are on file. Thirty-three members were left out of forty-six on roll.

Melrose, No. 145, had a dispensation issued May 3, 1880, and was chartered Jan. 12, 1881. It suffered by fire a total loss of charter and property, Dec. 31, 1887, and had a duplicate charter issued in 1888. No work was done after April, 1890. The removal of the railroad shops and the hostility of the surrounding population prevented further advance, and after lying dormant for two or three years its charter was forfeited by the Grand Lodge and duly surrendered Jan. 17, 1895. Twenty-eight members were left out of forty on roll, but they were so scattered that it was impossible to get a quorum to open lodge. It must be stricken from our roll of defunct lodges, however, for the Grand Lodge this afternoon saw fit to restore its charter to the surviving members.

Pelican Rapids Lodge, No. 183, was granted a dispensation April 2, 1889, and charter Jan. 16, 1890. For failure to meet and make returns for two years, after due citation, its charter was forfeited Jan. 16, 1896, and received, with the records and other effects, September 6th last. Only fifteen members were left out of twenty on the roll, and these were scattered so that the lodge could not be opened. The planting of this lodge did not prove a success.

Another lodge, Walnut, No. 136, at Walnut Grove, is reduced to nine members, and although making returns and paying dues to date, is willing to surrender its charter at once.

Two or three other lodges had their charters arrested for short periods for gross irregularities, which were afterwards restored. Three or four also were refused charters, although working for a time U.·. D.·. Of the latter I only refer to a lodge U.·. D.·. at Northfield. It appears that on Dec. 12, 1861, the Deputy Grand Master, under a mistaken sense of his authority, the Grand Master being reported absent from the state, granted his dispensation for a masonic lodge at Northfield, and on December 27th instituted Northfield Lodge U.·. D.·. in person. This was not known to the Grand

Master until 1863, who at once declared the lodge irregular, and that he could not recognize any acts done under said dispensation. He promised to heal the innocent members, and on proper application to grant them a dispensation. They agreed to apply for same, but later, on advice of said Deputy, continued as a lodge and made Masons in defiance of the decision of the Grand Master, and even proposed coming to the Grand Lodge with a petition for a charter. Their petition was refused, and the action of the Deputy Grand Master severely condemned. On April 12, 1864, Social Lodge, No. 48, was lawfully organized U.·. D.·. at Northfield, and has had a prosperous existence since.

The relation of the Masonry of the Northwest to the M.·. W.·. the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was discussed by Bro. W. H. Grant, the Historian of the Association, under the subject.

HISTORICAL PROBLEMS AND THEIR SOLUTION.

VENERABLE BRETHREN: At former Feasts, as well as the present, we have learned something of the early history of the Craft in Minnesota. It is at this time my purpose to speak of the introduction of Masonry in the Northwest Territory. It will be remembered by all, that among the last acts of the Continental Congress was the organization of the then vast wilderness lying north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi, as the Northwest Territory, now comprising the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and that part of Minnesota lying east of the Mississippi river. This act is more generally known as the Ordinance of 1787. We are interested in this territory, not only because many of us have our homes upon its soil, and we are assembled within its domain, but because organized Masonry was introduced in Minnesota from Ohio, while the Master and Wardens convening the first Lodge in this jurisdiction were also from Ohio.

As a rule, writers of American history have taken little note of Masonry as an element in the evolution of our institutions. While they have given great attention to politics, nationality, education, religious convictions, science, art and commerce, Masonry and its benign teachings and influence have rarely been mentioned. The modesty of the Craft may have been measurably responsible for this. However this may be, I think the time is at hand when we should advance our rightful claim, not boastingly, but truthfully giving to each and all their just dues.

No man will say American independence was possible without the aid of such Craftsmen as Washington, Franklin, and Lafayette. And the Mason must be unlearned in the history of his country and uninformed as to the work of his brethren who does not know that the Ordinance of 1787 and the colonization of the Northwest Terri-

tory were the handiwork of brethren laboring in the military lodges connected with the American army during the days of the American Revolution.

These subjects invite our attention: The Northwest Territory—What was it, what is it, what of it? The Ordinance of 1787—What of it? What were the relations of Masonry and individual Masons to these, and what of them? These matters we will outline as briefly as possible.

In area, the Northwest Territory was, in round numbers, two hundred and eighty thousand square miles. Its present population is more than fifteen millions, and if as dense as that of Massachusetts, would be seventy-five millions,—equal to the present population of the United States. Its great cities and marts of trade, its agriculture, manufactures, commerce, transportation, its wealth of forests and mines, its churches, schools, colleges and universities, its navigable rivers and great lakes, bearing on their bosoms the varied products of the most fertile and productive region of the known world, I need not speak of; nor lastly, of those great leaders, born on this soil, who for the last three-quarters of a century have evolved and determined, in great measure, the destinies of this great Nation.

Within my own recollection, it has given us five Presidents, with another to be inaugurated on the fourth of March next. It has also given us Grant and Sherman and Sheridan, to lead our armies to victory, our people to peace, and the wandering states of the Confederacy back to union, under the Constitution; and at the same time we have had Chase, Waite, and Fuller, Chief Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, the most exalted judicial tribunal of this or any other age.

In Masonry, we have six Grand Lodges, two thousand four hundred and sixty-one subordinate Lodges, with a membership of one hundred and seventy-nine thousand five hundred and thirty-seven at last report, with the army of non-affiliates uncounted.

What part these brethren, with the unnumbered dead, have wrought in the mighty development of the last five score and six years, since the reorganization of American Union Lodge, at Marietta, is known only to Him who holds all the acts of men in perpetual memory; and no sparrow falleth without His notice.

What of the Ordinance of 1787? The vast domain of the Northwest Territory was the free-will offering of the Old Dominion to her sister States, on the first day of March, 1784, that some recompense might be made to the men through whose valor and suffering independence had been achieved and the Union of the states made possible. For more than three years the Continental Congress had struggled with the problems of its government, colonization and

development, without effect. Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, and scores of their compatriot statesmen gave to these problems their profoundest thought, and urged their conclusions upon congress with all the power and influence at their command.

The creditors of the government, as well as the Revolutionary soldiers and the holders of Continental bills, depreciated a thousand to one, were clamorous that something should be done for their relief. The treasury was bankrupt. The states were bankrupt or were too poor or too careless to respond to the appeals of congress. Rebellion, insurrection and anarchy seemed about to destroy the autonomy of the states, as well as the rights and liberties of the people. In short, there was confusion in the Temple and there were no designs on the Trestle-board. Fear no danger, Venerable Brethren, the Junior Warden was in the South, and the Craft will resume labor in due time.

For twice seven years the Craftsmen had wrought diligently in the quarries, and their labor was not to go unrewarded. The sound of the gavel will be heard presently. The Supreme Architect has ordered the work to proceed, and our Worshipful Brother, Rufus Putnam, has the designs on his Trestle-board.

The Ohio Company was organized at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern on State street, Boston, March 3, 1786, and Brother Putnam, its principal promoter, was made its superintendent. This company was largely composed of Masons who had been officers in the army of the Revolution. All were distinguished men and had held prominent positions in the affairs of the country, especially in the New England States. Many were descended from the signers of the first written constitution, in the cabin of the Mayflower. They were men of large experience, schooled in all the affairs of church and state, and advised as to all the needs of a new and growing community. They had well-founded opinions on every subject that then interested the people, matured judgments that no arguments could change, and the courage of their convictions. No hardship could daunt them and no danger appall. They knew what they most desired, and were immovable until they obtained it.

The plan of government for the state they would found, with all its ordinances, protecting them in all their rights, while giving the largest liberty, encouraging education, morality and religion, prohibiting slavery, declaring the great lakes, the navigable rivers, and the carrying places between, public highways, forever free to commerce, without any tax or toll whatever; and lastly, declaring these guarantees and stipulations to be compacts and unalterable, between the people of the Territory and the people of all the states was fully wrought out and agreed upon, as conditions precedent to the purchase of lands on which to build their future homes.

The time was propitious. The Continental Congress was in session at New York, and the convention which framed the Constitution at Philadelphia. The agents of the Ohio Company presented to congress their application to purchase one million five hundred thousand acres of land, subject, however, to the organization of the Territory on the before indicated lines.

This proposition was referred to a committee, and then commenced a series of propositions and counterpropositions, offerings and withdrawals, by committees, congressmen and congress itself, which has, before and since, been characteristic of all the dealings of the government, with the old soldier, from 1775, to the present time. In the meantime, Philadelphia is visited and the aid of Washington and nearly every member of the convention is invoked, to advance the proposition of the Ohio Company.

The agent returns to New York, to find the ordinance has passed, and with but one dissenting vote, but the purchase is still unsettled. The crisis is reached—is reached in a day. The ultimatum of the company was its first proposition. New York had lands to sell and Massachusetts desired to dispose of the District of Maine. The agent courteously takes his leave and orders his horse to leave the city. Messengers call him back. Congress reconsidered at the last hour. The offer of the Ohio Company was accepted, the contract signed, sealed and delivered, and then began the building of a state west of the Ohio river. The proposition of the Ohio Company was submitted to congress on the sixth of July, 1787, the ordinance passed on the thirteenth, and the terms of sale agreed upon the twenty-seventh of the same month. Thus rapidly, and securely, was the corner stone laid, in ample form.

The purchase by the Ohio Company was simply a real estate transaction, and related at most, to an insignificant fraction of the Northwest Territory; but the ordinance, which was conceived by Rufus Putnam and his compatriot Craftsmen, and became the reputed wisdom of the Continental Congress only by adoption, is still a landmark in government and will so remain to the coming generations.

Daniel Webster, sixty-five years ago, in that memorable reply to Hayne, said: "We are accustomed to praise the lawgivers of antiquity, we help to perpetuate the fame of Solon and Lycurgus, but I doubt whether any single law of any single lawgiver, ancient or modern, has produced effects more distinct, marked and lasting in character than the "Ordinance of 1787."

We will now dismiss the Ordinance, with the remark that it was the best fruitage of the Declaration of Independence; it preceded the Constitution and anticipated the Proclamation of Emancipation. It contained in itself the underlying principles of each and all.

The quarries, having been opened, hewing was to be commenced in the "Forests of Lebanon."

As the last days of 1787 were closing, the brave men of the Ohio Colony were bidding a long farewell to their native hearthstones, and facing westward, took up their line of march to the wilderness and empire. We pass the details of their long and weary journey from Massachusetts to the Youghiogheny, where they arrived in the middle of February. Here boats were built to float them to the mouth of the Muskingum. February and March were consumed in boat building. The largest, a craft of fifty tons, they named the "Mayflower," in commemoration of the one of Pilgrim fame. On the afternoon of the first day of April, the little flotilla left Sumrill's ferry on the Youghiogheny, and floating down that stream to the Monongahela, was borne onward to the Ohio and down the latter to the present site of Marietta, where they arrived at high meridian, April 7th. This company of pioneers were forty-seven in number, many of them Masons; nearly all had served in the Revolution and were members of the Cincinnati. All were men; no woman's smile gave joy to their new home.

The wilderness was before them; wild beasts and wilder men, fearing their approach, fled in terror from their presence. But their trust was in God and their faith was well founded. Worshipful Master, Brother Jonathan Heart, the commandant of Fort Harmar, the little garrison on the opposite bank of the Muskingum, not only welcomed his old comrades in arms, but the brethren, with a true Masonic greeting.

The subsequent building of the great Western Empire, of five states, and a third of our own, needs no further historic detail at this time. It is known and read and understood by all Western men.

Our outline of Masonic history, however, is incomplete. This will now be sketched as briefly as possible.

American Union Lodge, at Marietta, Ohio, is the oldest American institution of man's handiwork existing within the limits of the old Northwest Territory. It is older than the government under which we live, and older than the Declaration of Independence. It is older than any of our Grand Lodges, with the possible exception of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. It was the first of the Military Lodges, chartered for work in the field by the American brethren, and is of Revolutionary origin. Its history is of thrilling interest.

Long before the Revolution, as during its continuance, the English forces serving in America had received charters, so that at that period nearly every regiment convened its lodges in the field, as the brethren found opportunity. During the siege of Boston, in February, 1776, our brethren of the Connecticut forces (the Provincial

Grand Lodge being suspended by the enemy) applied to Bro. Richard Gridley, Deputy Grand Master, for authority to assemble and work as a regular Lodge, in connection with the Connecticut line, then at Roxbury, a suburb of Boston. In response to this appeal was issued the following peculiar document, under which the Lodge was organized:

JOHN ROWE, GRAND MASTER; to Joel Clark, esq., greeting:

By virtue of authority invested in us, I hereby, reposing special trust and confidence in your knowledge and skill of the ancient craft, do appoint and constitute you, the said Joel Clark, esq., master of American Union Lodge, now erected in Roxbury, or wherever your body shall remove on the continent of America, provided it is where no grand master is appointed. You are to promote in your lodge the utmost harmony and brotherly love and to keep up the constitutions for the reputation of the craft. In your makings you are to be very cautious of the moral character of such persons, and also of visitors and such as desire to become members of your lodge (such as were not made under it). You are to transmit to the grand lodge a fair account of the choice of your officers, as well present as future. Any matters coming before your lodge that cannot be adjusted, you are to appeal to, and lay before the grand lodge for a decision. You are, as often as the grand lodge meets, to attend with your two wardens. Of the time and place the grand lodge meets you will have previous notice.

In order to support the grand lodge, your lodge is to pay into the hands of the grand secretary, each quarterly night, the sum of twelve shillings lawful money; all which you will pay due regard to. This commission to remain in full force and virtue until recalled by me or my successor in office.

Given under my hand and the hands of the grand wardens (the seal of the grand lodge first affixed) this fifteenth day of February, Anno Mundi 5776, of salvation, 1776.

RICHARD GRIDLEY, D. G. M.
WILLIAM BURBECK, S. G. W.
....., J. G. W.

The first meeting was held and the Lodge constituted at Waterman's tavern, in Roxbury, Mass., Feb. 10, 1776. The members present, as appears by the minutes, were Col. Joel Clark, Col. John Park, Thomas Chase, Esq., Ensign Jonathan Heart, Capt. Joseph Hoiet, Col. Samuel Holden Parsons, Capt. Ezekiel Scott, ——— Whittlesey, and ——— Cotton, Fellow Crafts; and Col. Samuel Wyllys, Entered Apprentice.

The name of the Lodge is supposed to have been suggested by Benjamin Franklin, as well as the symbolism of its seal. The seal was certainly suggestive of the times. Surrounding the square and compasses was a chain of thirteen links, united at the top by clasped hands. Above were the sun, moon and stars, and below three burning tapers. The seal was engraved by that grand patriot and brother of ours, Paul Revere. Through the remainder of the Revolution, a period of seven and a half years, the Lodge held its meetings at

such times and places as were thought proper, being last convened in connection with the army at West Point, April 23, 1783.

In the retreat from Long Island, Brother Clark, the first Master, was captured, and soon after died a prisoner of war. Who immediately succeeded him I do not know, but at a meeting, Feb. 15, 1779, at Reading, Conn., Samuel Holden Parsons was elected Master, Jonathan Heart, Senior, and Elisha Marshall, Junior Wardens. At what time Jonathan Heart became Master I am not informed, but he was presiding at Morristown, N. J., in December, 1779, when Washington was a visitor. The records show he was a frequent visitor, and that many prominent gentlemen of the army received the degrees in his presence. It several times celebrated St. John's day, and consigned to the grave the remains of brethren with Masonic rites. Other Lodges were also chartered for the army, so that before peace was declared Lodges were to be found in nearly every division. The influence exerted through these Lodges and the Craft, during the darkest periods of the Revolution, speaks volumes to the Mason who reads of the distractions that at times threatened the dissolution of the army. How much Liberty and Independence owes to Masonry will never be written. The fame of Warren, Lafayette, and Washington is immortal! That of Rufus Putnam, James Mitchell Varnum, and Commodore Abraham Whipple, and Jonathan Heart ought not to perish from the memory of men and Masons forever. Within the tiled recesses of these military Lodges the brethren talked of dangers past, present and to come; of hopes, fears, brothers, friends; of family, country; and, as the morning dawn of peace broke on their vision, they talked of home and of plans for the future. To Rufus Putnam the idea of colonization in the wilderness was not new. Soon after the close of the French and Indian war, he, with other officers, sent an agent to England to secure a grant of land for their services, with the view of establishing a colony. This failing, he, with his father's cousin, Gen. Israel Putnam, and a company of adventurers, chartered a sloop at New York in January, 1773, in which they sailed to Pensacola bay, spending some four months in exploring the country. This scheme excited great interest for a time in New England, but failed at last by reason of the refusal of the Spanish government to make the necessary grant.

The events immediately preceding the Revolution gave little time or opportunity for new plans in this direction. The storm soon came. Patriotic men then learned, as John Adams said, that "they must hang together, or hang singly."

Brother Putnam received the degrees in American Union Lodge, but at what time I am not advised. At the close of the war he was its Junior Warden. It is well known that during the darkest days

of the Revolution, when grave doubt existed as to success, many of the leaders, both at home and in the army, contemplated a removal to the West, in the hope they might there, for a time, at least, be beyond the chastising power of England, and establish an independent government. We, also, know that Washington, more than once, directed the attention of his comrades in arms to the western country, as a land in which they might take refuge, should they fail in the struggle for independence. His long familiarity with the western country, his knowledge of its genial climate, its fertile soil and unnumbered resources, its opportunities for enterprise and wealth, had undoubtedly and favorably impressed the minds of the men of New England.

The Continental Congress had at different times voted large appropriations of land to the officers and men for their services; so that, at the close of the war, a Major General was entitled to receive eleven hundred acres; a Brigadier, eight hundred and fifty acres, and so down to a private, who was entitled to receive one hundred acres. As an illustration of the adage, that history repeats itself, we might be reminded of an earlier proposed real estate transaction on one of the high mountains of Judea, where the assumed proprietor could not give an abstract of title; for the Continental Congress had not a single acre they could call their own. The old soldier, however, was confiding, had never heard of a failure of title, and was willing to accept land with or without title. Seven years of fighting and marching had taught him not to be too particular. He believed all men honest and was willing to take land for his pay. Besides, as the Continental money became less and less valuable, the land appropriation seemed to increase and formed the principal topic of conversation around the campfires and in the Lodges. The wondrous stories of the Western country and its resources, its opportunities for hunting, fishing and sporting, formed attractive themes to those accustomed, for so many years, to the excitements of the camp, the march and the battlefield.

Very many had lost their property in their absence, and knew that jails and prisons were awaiting their return, for debts they honestly owed but could not pay. Such unpleasant subjects as these were relieved during the later years of the war, in the hope of receiving their lands and founding a colony in the West, where, with their families, they might enjoy the friendships and fellowships cemented by their struggles, and ultimately found a state to be, in time, added to the Union. In all these, Brother Putnam participated, and no doubt his hopes, heretofore disappointed as to West Florida, came back to him with renewed vigor. The early spring of 1783 brought news of peace, and now they were face to face with all their hopes and fears.

So deeply had the idea of founding a colony in the West possessed them, that Brother Putnam, with two hundred and eighty-seven other officers, united in a petition to Congress, that the land they were entitled to might be located in the country bounded north by Lake Erie, east by Pennsylvania, south by the Ohio river and west by a line beginning on that river twenty-four miles west of the mouth of the Scioto, and extending northerly to Lake Erie. This tract, they said, would be sufficient in extent and of such quality and situation as to form a state, to be a distinct government, to be admitted as one of the Confederate States of America.

The joy which peace brought after seven years of war was not unmixed with grief, pain, suffering and distress. Many of the officers had paid their own expenses from private funds, sometimes borrowing from friends upon mortgages of their property, which now they could not pay. They were free-born, proud-spirited men, and ready to engage in any enterprise which promised relief to themselves and families. Many saw in the organization of the Ohio Company and its plans the only possible fruition of all their hopes for the future. They rebelled at the thought of living in poverty and destitution among their old neighbors, of relatively easy circumstances, and so determined to seek a new country, where all would be on a condition of equality.

The great interest of Brother Putnam and the part taken by him is clearly indicated in his letter to Washington, of April 5, 1784, in which he says: "The settlement of the Ohio country, Sir, engrosses many of my thoughts; and much of my time since I left the camp has been employed in informing myself and others in respect to the nature, situation and circumstances of that country, and the practicability of removing ourselves there."

There was at that time, as since, no little opposition to Western emigration. The motives of Putnam and his brethren were assailed with much invective and the shafts of ridicule were frequently invoked. Some one dubbed the Ohio valley as "Putnam's Paradise," and even the good Dr. Belknap called it an "Indian Heaven." But the faith of the brethren was well founded, and they pursued their labors until they arrived at Marietta. The reorganization of American Union Lodge is interesting. The first meeting for that purpose was held at Numsell & Buell's tavern, in Marietta, June 25, 1790, when there were present Bros. Rufus Putnam, Benjamin Tupper, Griffin Greene, Robert Oliver, Ezra Lunt, William Stacy, William Burnham, Anselem Tupper, Thomas Stanley, and Ebenezer Sproat. At this meeting it was learned that Worshipful Brother Heart still retained the charter of American Union Lodge in his possession, and they petitioned him that "he would take them under his immediate patronage, and establish them, and the other brethren of the fra-

ternity in this quarter, on a permanent basis;" and meet with them as soon as possible. The answer of Brother Heart is so instructive I cannot forbear rendering it in full. He said:

Previous to the late Revolution all authority exercised in America with respect to Masonry was derived from the Grand Lodge in Great Britain, delegated to deputies in and over certain districts, by virtue of which all lodges were then held. The Federal territories not coming within the district of any Grand Lodge, holding under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain, and the United States, not as yet having formed a Federal head in Masonry, it may be in doubt whether at this time there is any power in America having jurisdiction over the Federal territories. From whence it follows, the power is still in the Grand Lodge of Great Britain, unless there can be found some power which has been delegated otherways than through the present Grand Lodges and extending its jurisdiction to this country. Whether the warrant under which you wish to be convened affords protection is the next subject of inquiry.

This warrant was granted in the Year 1776, previous to the Declaration of Independence, by Richard Gridley, esq., Deputy Grand Master, whose authority extended to all parts of North America where no special Grand Masters were appointed, as may appear from the Book of Constitutions, and as expressed in the same instrument. It will therefore follow that, there being no special Grand Master for this territory, a more ample authority for holding a lodge in this country could not be obtained, provided there was a competent number of the former members present. But there are only two, viz., Brother Putnam and myself, who were actually enrolled members. To remove this objection, it is observable there are two others who are members and resident in this country, but at present at too great a distance to attend. There are also two of the petitioners who were constant visitors of the lodge during the war, one of them a Past Master (Brother Benjamin Tupper), who by custom is a member of all lodges. There are also others of the petitioners who have frequently visited the lodge at different times.

Wherefore, under every consideration with respect to your situation--the difficulty of obtaining authority—a doubt whether more ample authority can, at this time be obtained, the right which is ever retained by the individuals of incorporating themselves where there is no existing power already lodged with particulars for that purpose.

Wherefore, being the present Master of the Lodge, held under the authority of said warrant, as may appear by having recourse to the records deposited in Frederick's Lodge, held at Farmington, State of Connecticut, and being the eldest Ancient Mason within said territory, I have thought proper, with the advice of Brother Putnam, member, and Brother Benjamin Tupper, Past Master, to grant the request contained in your petition, and will meet you in Campus Martius, on Monday, the twenty-eighth instant, at six o'clock P. M., for the purpose of forming you into a Lodge.

I am, with every sentiment of respect, brethren.

Your most obedient and humble servant,

JONATHAN HEART.

M. A. U. Lodge.

On June 28, 1790, the minutes state that the brethren being convened by order of the Worshipful–Jonathan Heart, he proceeded

to open the lodge in due form. There were present Worshipful Jonathan Heart, Master; Worshipful Bro. Benjamin Tupper, Past Master of Hampshire Lodge, acting as Senior Warden; Bro. Rufus Putnam, Junior Warden, and Bros. Thomas Stanley, William Burnham, Griffin Greene, William Mills, Robert Oliver, and William Stacy. The Warrant of Feb. 15. 1776, was read, and on motion of Bro. Rufus Putnam the seven brothers were proposed for membership, and the ballot being spread they were each duly elected. The lodge then elected Brother Tupper, Senior, and Brother Putnam, Junior Wardens. On the 15th of July another meeting was held, at which Bro. Anselem Tupper was elected Secretary, and the record shows he made a "speach." The first to petition for the degrees was Francis Choate, September 6th. The third degree was conferred on Bro. Daniel Story, the Chaplain of the colony, December 8th, and St. John's day was duly celebrated, December 27th.

The lodge appears to have met regularly during the years 1790-91; did considerable work and received numerous visitors, of whom many were Craftsmen of distinction. Brother Heart was again elected Master, but he resigned Aug. 22, 1791, to take the field against hostile Indians. Brother Putnam was elected to his place, but declined, whereupon Bro. Robert Oliver was elected and served. Early in 1791 the lodge was recognized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; and by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1792. No question as to its regularity seems ever to have been raised. During all its early years, at Marietta, the lodge seems to have prospered, and many men, since prominent in history, there received the degrees. Notable among these was our distinguished brother, Gen. Lewis Cass. His petition for the degrees is unique for its brevity. It is as follows:

"Marietta, Nov. 7, 1802. I, Lewis Cass, beg to be admitted to the Sacred Mysteries of Freemasonry, if found worthy.

"LEWIS CASS."

He was initiated Dec. 5, 1803; passed April 2d, and raised May 7, 1804; was Grand Master of Ohio from 1810 to 1813, and the first Grand Master of Michigan, serving from 1826 to 1844.

The second lodge in the Northwest Territory was located at Cincinnati, and received its warrant originally from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Sept. 8, 1791, as Nova Cesarea Lodge, No. 10. Sometime between June 24 and Dec. 10, 1805, the members returned their original charter and took one from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, assuming the title of Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13. Scioto Lodge, No. 2, at Chillicothe, was organized in 1805 by a charter from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Erie Lodge, No. 47, at Warren, was organized March 1, 1804, by dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Amity Lodge, No. 105, at Zanesville,

received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania about the year 1804. These lodges met in convention at Chillicothe, Jan. 8, 1808, and formed the Grand Lodge of Ohio, when our Worshipful Brother, Rufus Putnam, was elected its first Grand Master.

The first Masonic burial in the Northwest Territory was that of Bro. James Mitchell Varnum, at Marietta, in January, 1789. This was before the reorganization of American Union Lodge, but the then usual ceremonies were duly performed at the grave, in the presence of a large concourse of people. He was a brilliant man, a director of the Ohio Company and one of the three judges of the territorial supreme court. He was born in Dracut, Mass., in 1749; was graduated at Brown University at the age of twenty; was admitted to the bar at twenty-two; entered the army at twenty-seven; resigned his commission at thirty-one; was a member of congress the same year; resumed practice at thirty-three, and continued four years; was elected to congress again, at thirty-seven; emigrated to Ohio at thirty-nine, and died at the early age of forty. He entered the army as colonel in 1775; was a brigadier general in 1777, and a major general of the Rhode Island militia at the battle of Rhode Island.

Our Worshipful Brother, Jonathan Heart, who so long presided over American Union Lodge, was born in Kensington, Conn., in 1748; graduated at Yale in 1768; served as a private in the Second company of Col. Joseph Spencer's Regiment, Connecticut Militia, in 1775; ensign Twenty-second Continental Infantry, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1777; adjutant Third Connecticut Jan. 31, 1777; captain lieutenant July 1, 1779; captain May 1, 1780; brigade major and inspector Jan. 1, 1781, to June, 1783, and served to November, 1783. Was commissioned captain of the First United States Infantry June 9, 1785; and major of the Second United States Infantry May 4, 1791; was killed in battle with the Indians in St. Clair's expedition while covering the retreat Nov. 4, 1791.

It would be pleasant, had we time, to say something of the brethren of American Union Lodge during its early days at Marietta. There was Commodore Whipple, the most brilliant officer on sea or land, who burned the Gaspe in 1772; first sailed the Stars and Stripes on the Thames; a man whom Nelson or Farragut would have clasped to their bosoms, as one after their own heart. Parsons, the first to propose a congress of the colonies, a lawyer, soldier, statesman; Tupper, who led the forces at the storming of Stony Point; Sproat, six feet six in his stockings, a captain and afterwards a colonel, and inspector on the staff of Baron Steuben; fourteen years sheriff of the county; married a daughter of Commodore Whipple, and was the grandfather of our General Sibley, the first governor of this state. There were others, but time fails me. It was one of the New England colonial governors, who said, "God sifts a whole

continent, to select the choicest seed to plant this wilderness." So we may say that He winnowed all New England, to plant MASONS AND MASONRY in the Northwest Territory. That Territory is the marvel of the century, and the crowning glory of all civilizations.

But there is ONE, who must not be omitted,—"RUFUS PUTNAM—THE FATHER OF THE NORTHWEST." He was the fourth in descent from John Putnam, an Englishman who came to Salem, Mass., in 1634, and was born at Sutton, in that state, April 9, 1738. Left an orphan at the age of seven, his early youth gave but little promise of his mature manhood. The first two years of his orphanage were passed with his maternal grandfather, during which time he went to school and learned to read. In 1747 his mother married again, and he went to live with his stepfather, who was illiterate himself, and what was worse, he despised learning. Putnam, in his old age, writes, "After I was nine years old I went to school in all only three weeks." At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a millwright. Of his master he says, "He did not deny me the use of a light for study in the winter evenings." That his leisure hours were well improved from this to the end of life is now manifest. However much his mental faculties may have suffered by neglect, physically he was well developed. He was nearly six feet in height, with brawny limbs and of great muscular power. Morally, he was always faithful, always on the side of right, as he understood it; and from the beginning to the close of his varied career, he was never known to prove recreant to any trust or fail to perform dutifully and well any just requirement. He was in every way well fitted for the life that came to him.

In 1757 he enlisted as a private in the French war and served four campaigns, during which time he kept a diary which has been of great value. At its close in 1760, he was an ensign. Farming, millbuilding and surveying were his principal occupations for the next fifteen years. In the meantime he studied mathematics, in which he became proficient. The opening of the Revolution found him lieutenant colonel of Brewers' Massachusetts Regiment, which marched on the Lexington alarm. During the siege of Boston he was employed as an engineer in the erection of intrenchments. At the request of Washington, he devised the plans and superintended the fortification of Dorchester Heights, which compelled the evacuation of Boston by the British. In August, 1776, at the request of Washington, congress commissioned him colonel of engineers, Washington writing of him, that "he is more competent than any of the French gentlemen to whom it had given such appointments." He planned and superintended nearly all the fortifications around New York and on the Hudson, including West Point. Before the close of the war he had been commissioned a brigadier general. After the war, he returned to his farm, in Rutland, Mass., serving

in the legislature several years, all the while devoting himself to the development of his scheme for the founding of a colony in the West. The organization of the Ohio Company and the settlement of Marietta were principally the work of his hands. After his arrival in the West, he was for years the most important man in the Territory. While the affairs of the Ohio Company were chiefly intrusted to him, he was also in public life continually, until the infirmities of age compelled him to retire. In 1789 he was appointed a judge of the supreme court of the Territory, held its first court and gave the first charge to the grand jury. He was also the first judge of probate, and the first surveyor general, and the originator of the present system of land surveys. In 1792 he was appointed a brigadier general by Washington, to serve against the Indians; and before the close of the war, a commissioner to treat with them. Among the last, as well as the most important acts of his long life, was his participation in the convention which framed the constitution by which Ohio became a state. Notwithstanding the Ordinance of 1787 prohibited slavery, the question was not settled. Slavery, even at that early day, was on the march for the control of this government. Ohio was its first battle ground. If it had triumphed there, how changed to-day would have been the map of the Republic? If Ohio had established slavery, so would have Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa; and probably Michigan and Wisconsin. GOD forbid. Slavery was prohibited in Ohio by one vote, and that of Rufus Putnam. To the end of his days, he was interested in all that claims the attention of good men in a young and growing community. It is impossible, here upon this occasion, to speak more fully of the work of this wonderful man and Brother.

History will yet pay tribute to his fame. The great West was without form and void, until it received the light and inspiration of his genius, and the warm and fructifying influence of his paternal care. His footprints may still be seen in all our civilization. Some day the Imperial West will rear a monument to his memory, that shall be surpassed in grandeur only by that of him who sleeps on the banks of the Potomac. The one was the FATHER of his COUNTRY, the other, the FATHER of the NORTHWEST, and both were MASONS.

He died at Marietta, Ohio, May 4, 1824. He was the last general of the Revolution, except that Craftsman, dear to our hearts, the IMMORTAL LAFAYETTE.

The last address of the evening was on the

INFLUENCE OF MASONRY IN WAR.

BY A. BARTO, P. G. M.

Brother President and Venerable Brethren of the Minnesota Veteran Association:

Much has been written and printed of the ameliorating influences of Masonry in times of war and carnage, and nearly all of such

writings are necessarily personal experiences of certain individuals in time of battle or while prisoners in the hands of the enemy, or in camp.

I fear what I may say to you will be too much of a personal history to be of general interest to the craft at large, or to any but personal friends.

I first saw Masonic light in November, 1861, after I had enlisted for three years, and received my three degrees under a dispensation authorizing Geneva Lodge, No. 139, at Geneva, Ill., to confer the three degrees in less time than required by Statute.

I soon found there were a few very devoted Masons in my regiment, and among them was one who afterwards became principal musician of the regiment, and for many years since the war he has been doing faithful work for the craft in nearly all its bodies as Master of his Lodge, High Priest of his Chapter and Commander of his Commandery. I refer to Brother, Companion and Sir Knight Thomas E. Lawrence of Elgin, Ill.

We had been in active service in the State of Missouri but a short time before disease attacked the captain of his company, and this brother flew to his relief, and for days, and even weeks he staid by the bedside of that sick captain, soothing and consoling him in his lucid moments, and for hours tenderly restraining him in his ravings, and even when ordered back to his duty he refused, even at the peril of a court martial, to leave the sick-bed of his brother. I will say that I have never doubted for a moment that the devotion of this noble man and brother Mason saved my life, and it cemented a devoted friendship that has never faltered for a moment in all the thirty-five years on the part of either of us. After my convalescence we have sat on a log for hours tyling for each other while he taught me the dignity and high importance of Masonry and seriously admonished me never to disgrace it.

A TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS.

In the summer of 1862 we were camped about two miles west of Corinth, Miss., at a chalybeate spring, and one day this friend and I were going off to the woods for a long talk on the rights, duties and privileges of Masonry when we discovered a building constructed very neatly of poles and brush and such materials as were readily found. It seemed to have been recently erected, and as we entered we found near the middle a large oak stump sawed off and hewed square and rudely fashioned into an Altar. The lodge was of ample size and situated due east and west.

We immediately took possession, and he acting as Master and I answering to all the other officers, proceeded to open a lodge and confer the first degree. We agreed that we would keep watch, and

if we saw a light there any evening, we would let each other know and immediately call over and ask for admission as visiting brethren; but within a few days we were ordered to march, and after taking part in the battles of Iuka and Corinth, went into winter quarters in another location, and never returned to the tabernacle in the wilderness. We had concluded, from its location, that it belonged to the Second and Seventh Iowa Infantry, which were a part of our brigade, and were camped near us. The next summer (1863) I obtained my first and only leave of absence for twenty days, and on my return I found my regiment camped at Germantown, Tenn., about ten miles from Memphis, and as a part of the camp, we found the Sixth and Seventh Illinois Cavalry and with the Sixth Cavalry there was the only Military Lodge I ever saw. It was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and I had the privilege of meeting with this lodge several times and seeing them confer several degrees, and while the tools and material were rough and frequently improvised on the spot and in a short time, yet I found among the members of this itinerant lodge many genuine and true Masons. The Master was a devoted, faithful physician, Dr. John N. Niglas, surgeon of the Sixth Illinois Cavalry, and in season and out of season he taught and exemplified in his life the genuine principles of Masonry in his station, and labored to preserve a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man.

I always visited, as I had opportunity, lodges in the vicinity of our camp, and I was always received, as were all Masons belonging to our army, with cordiality, and welcomed to their meetings. Both parties, by general consent, discussed Masonry North and South and personal matters, yet with a kind of universal chivalry neither party alluded to the sad condition of things that had brought us into their country. And thus we passed an hour or two pleasantly together, and no one seeing us would have mistrusted that we were enemies.

In my service of three years and three months I was never wounded nor a prisoner, and so I had no opportunity to observe the influence of Masonry under those trying circumstances, yet from the very nature of the teachings of our institution I have no doubt it has bound up many a wound and saved many a life. In fact, Masonry knows no enemies within its ranks, and it should have but one aim, to be happy and to communicate happiness.

THE CONTRAST BETWEEN WAR AND MASONRY.

The mind could hardly conceive of a greater contrast of principles than those of War and Masonry. One of the greatest generals of this or any other age has said, "*War is cruelty and you cannot refine it.*" War means cruelty, murder, robbery, destruction and

death, and consequently misery; Masonry is peace, prosperity, kindness, brotherly affection, and consequently happiness. There can be no doubt of the good influences resulting from Masonry during war, and especially in a fratricidal war, because the spirit of Masonry, when allowed to work out its legitimate principles, will always mitigate and finally overcome the cruelties of war, and thus form a blessing to mankind.

Brethren, it is meet and fitting that we who have been long on the way and have seen the vital principles of our beloved institution ripen in the lives of good men and true, and know that the world has been made better and mankind happier from its teachings and practices, should teach, both by precept and example, that the time most to be desired is when men shall learn war no more; when swords shall be beaten into plow-shares and spears into pruning-hooks, and when the principles of our Universal Brotherhood shall reign supreme on earth, and when mankind shall unite in establishing and maintaining a universal peace.

Thus may we propagate the general good of society, and when we gather up our feet in death even our enemies will admit that the world is better for our having lived in it.

The addresses were ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Grand Lodge Proceedings and in pamphlet form for distribution as heretofore.

The Association adjourned at 11:30 p. m. to meet in the usual place at 3 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 1897.

Receipts of the evening, fifty-five dollars.

A. P. SWANSTROM,
Secretary *pro tem.*

THIRD SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 14, 1897.

A quorum was assembled in the Blue Room, Thursday, Jan. 14, 1897, at 3 p. m. The Auditing Committee presented the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer as "approved." Bills to the amount of thirteen dollars were allowed and ordered paid. L. J. Hart of St. Paul was elected to membership.

Receipts of the meeting, five dollars.

Adjourned.

W. E. BURTON,
Secretary *pro tem.*

NOTICE.

The prevailing idea that admission to membership in this Association is limited to the annual reunion is erroneous. Elections by the board of directors occur at intervals throughout the year. Only about five per cent of the eligible brethren in the State are now members. The accession of every desirable brother increases the resources of the Association in producing a more valuable issue of Proceedings. The officers, therefore, solicit coöperation in this effort, and fraternally urge upon members the duty of securing at as early a date as possible applications from eligible brethren.

A complete file of the Proceedings in a few years will furnish each member with an authentic History of Minnesota Masonry.

The active members of this Association shall be composed of Master Masons in good standing and of twenty-one years of Masonic age, resident within the boundaries of the State of Minnesota, who may petition to become such. The admission fee for active membership is five dollars. This includes the badge and certificate of membership. There are no annual dues. Honorary membership without fee is granted to Master Masons of fifty or more years of Masonic age. Blank petitions may be obtained by addressing Giles W. Merrill, Secretary, 669 Laurel Ave., St. Paul.

Including the members elected since Jan. 1, 1897, there are now, January 14th, 217 active members and 21 honorary members, a total of 238 members, as per the following list.

ROSTER OF HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

Certificate Number.	Names and Rank.	Residence.	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	Membership in		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
1	Henry R. Wells, P. G. M. (*a*)	Preston, Minn	Feb. 21, 1866	Dec. 3, 1892	Preston	36	Minn.
2	Royal H. Gove, P. G. M.	Rochester, Minn.	July 3, 1865	Jan. 10, 1893	Rochester	21	Minn.
3	William Lee, P. J. G. W. (*b*)	Hastings, Minn.	Sept. 6, 1843	Jan. 11, 1893	Mount Moriah	35	Minn.
4	George Henry Davis, P. G. M , Idaho	Mankato, Minn.	March 2, 1868	Jan. 12, 1893	Aurora	100	Minn.
5	Henry R. Denny, P. G. M (*a*)	St. Paul, Minn.	Sept. 8, 1863	Jan. 12, 1893	Carver	111	Minn.
6	Philo Patterson Hubbell *	Winona, Minn.	May —, 1820	Jan. 12, 1893	Winona	18	Minn.
7	John Corson Smith, P. G M. (*c*)	Chicago, Ill.	May 21, 1859	March 3, 1893	Miners	273	Ill.
8	Theodore Sutton Parvin, G. Sec., P. G. M. (*c*)	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	May —, 1838	March 3, 1893	Iowa	2	Ia.
9	Josiah Hayden Drummond, P. G. M. (*c*)	Portland, Me.	Jan. 15, 1849	March 3, 1893	Waterville	33	Me.
10	John James Bell, P. G. M. (*d*)	Exeter, N. H.	Dec. 27, 1849	March 3, 1893	Star in the East	59	N. H.
11	George William Speth, P. M. (*c*)	London, Eng	March 25, 1872	March 3, 1893	Quatuor Coronati	2076	Eng.
12	Francis Asbury Blades (*c*)	Detroit, Mich.	March —, 1850	March 3, 1893	Kilwinning	297	Mich.
13	Edwin Allen Sherman (*c*)	Oakland, Cal.	June 6, 1854	March 3, 1893	Oakland	188	Cal.
14	Charles Griswold, P. G. M.	St. Paul, Minn	May 15, 1856	Jan. 11, 1894	St. Paul	3	Minn.
15	Jacob A. Kiester, P. G. M.	Blue Earth City, Minn.	May 17, 1873	June 4, 1894	Blue Earth City	57	Minn.
16	Thomas Jefferson Lombard, P. S. G. W. (*a*)	Hudson, Wis.	Dec. 10, 1851	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon	44	Minn.
17	Daniel Sickels (*c*)	Brooklyn, N. Y.	May 19, 1848	Jan. 16, 1895	Aurora Grata	756	N. Y.
18	William Wallace Lee, P. G. M. (*c*)	Meriden, Conn.	Sept. —, 1854	Jan. 16, 1895	Meridian	77	Conn.
19	Manuel Ruiz Inza (*c*)	Havana, Cuba	April 5, 1865	Jan. 16, 1895	Amor Fraterna	5	Cuba.
20	Dewitt Clinton Cregier, P. G. M. (*c*)	Chicago, Ill.	—— —, 1860	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney	271	Ill.
21	Benjamin F. Chase (*c*)	Chicago, Ill.	—— —, 1863	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney	271	Ill
22	George W. Prescott, P. G. M.	San Francisco, Cal.	Dec. 14, 1854	Mch. 28, 1895	Henry S. Baird	211	Wis.
23	Henry Augustus Denny (*b*)	Hyde Park, Mass.	Sept. 8, 1824	Jan. 15, 1896	Morning Star		Mass.
24	Amasa H. Nichols (*c*)	Brooklyn, N. Y.	June 10, 1863	Jan. 15, 1896	Acanthus	719	N. Y.
25	Theophilus Pratt (*c*)	New York, N. Y.	April 25, 1851	Jan. 15, 1896	Alma	728	N. Y.
26	James Alexander Garver (*b*)	Dodge Center, Minn.	Sept. 4, 1837	Jan. 13, 1897	Relief	108	Minn.

* Deceased May 29, 1893, aged ninety-four.—A Mason for over seventy-three years.
a Transferred to list of active members.
b Over fifty years a Master Mason.
c For eminent services to Masonry.
d Deceased.

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Certificate Number.	Names.	Residence. (Minnesota.)	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	Present Lodge Membership.		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
1	George Reuben Metcalf	St. Paul	July 11, 1870	June 23, 1892	St. Paul	3	Minn.
2	Henry Ladd Carver *	St. Paul	Feb. 21, 1857	June 23, 1892	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
3	Benjamin Franklin Farmer	Spring Valley	March 22, 1867	June 23, 1892	Spring Valley	58	Minn.
4	Milton Emery Powell	Redwood Falls	April 27, 1867	June 23, 1892	Antiquity	91	Minn.
5	William George Ten Brook	Duluth	Aug. 17, 1867	June 23, 1892	Palestine	79	Minn.
6	Giles William Merrill	St. Paul	Oct. 31, 1850	June 23, 1892	Summit	163	Minn.
7	William Henry Sterling Wright	St. Paul	May 5, 1870	June 23, 1892	Summit	163	Minn.
8	Luther Zoan Rogers	Waterville	Sept. 14, 1858	June 23, 1892	Sakatah	32	Minn.
9	Daniel B. Smith	Austin	July 21, 1864	June 23, 1892	Fidelity	39	Minn.
10	Samuel Emery Adams	Minneapolis	Nov. 3, 1853	June 23, 1892	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
11	Alphonso Barto	St. Cloud	Nov. 16, 1861	June 23, 1892	Star in the West	60	Minn.
12	Joseph Hayes Thompson	Minneapolis	Dec. —, 1856	June 23, 1892	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
13	Philip Small Harris	St. Paul	July —, 1860	June 23, 1892	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
14	Dwight Major Baldwin	Red Wing	April 6, 1866	June 23, 1892	Red Wing	8	Minn.
15	John H. La Vaque	Duluth	Jan. 29, 1870	June 23, 1892	Palestine	79	Minn.
16	Walter Van Brunt	Duluth	Feb. 20, 1868	June 22, 1892	Palestine	79	Minn.
17	Daniel H. Moon	St. Paul	Jan. 25, 1869	June 23, 1892	Summit	163	Minn.
18	Richard Thomas Flournoy	St. Paul	Feb. 16, 1870	June 23, 1892	Cleveland	211	Ill.
19	Oscar Mack Metcalf	St. Paul	Jan. 24, 1868	June 23, 1892	St. Paul	3	Minn.
20	Charles L. West	Austin	May 8, 1869	June 23, 1892	Fidelity	39	Minn.
21	Israel Barnard Baldwin Sprague	St. Paul	Dec. 23, 1869	Dec. 3, 1892	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
22	Edward Corning	St. Paul	May 9, 1863	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit	163	Minn.
23	Henry Levi Williams	St. Paul	Jan. —, 1869	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit	163	Minn.
24	John Wheeler Leavitt Corning	St. Paul	Aug. 15, 1866	Dec. 3, 1892	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
25	Andrew C. Dunn	Winnebago City	July 16, 1861	Dec. 3, 1892	Blue Earth Valley	27	Minn.
26	Charles Eaton	St. Paul	Sept. 28, 1864	Jan. 10, 1893	Winona	18	Minn.
27	Robert Laird McCormick	Hayward, Wis.	Feb. 10, 1870	Jan. 10, 1893	Tuscan	77	Minn.
28	Benjamin Witherell Brunson	St. Paul	Aug. 4, 1851	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
29	Russell Carlton Munger	St. Paul	April 3, 1869	Jan. 10, 1893	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
30	George N. La Vaque	Duluth	Feb. 8, 1871	Jan. 10, 1893	Ionic	186	Minn.
31	Alexander Schultz	Duluth	Feb. 3, 1871	Jan. 10, 1893	Palestine	79	Minn.
32	Jean Conrad Fischer	St. Paul	April 6, 1859	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
33	William Bickel	St. Paul	Feb. 19, 1859	Jan. 10, 1893	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
34	William Henry Grant	St. Paul	Dec. —, 1858	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
35	James C. Morrison	St. Paul	May 5, 1865	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.

36	William Pitt Murray	St. Paul	March 4, 1853	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
37	William Alonzo Van Slyke	St. Paul	March 19, 1860	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
38	Edwin Searle Beck	St. Paul	April 6, 1857	Jan. 10, 1893	Summit	163	Minn.
39	William Franklin Dickinson	Redwood Falls	Aug. 15, 1866	Jan. 10, 1893	Antiquity	91	Minn.
40	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul	Sept. 7, 1865	Jan. 10, 1893	Nicollet	54	Minn.
41	Edward Henry Milham.	St. Paul	Feb. 17, 1870	Jan. 11, 1893	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
42	Daniel Shell	Worthington	Oct. 29, 1866	Jan. 11, 1893	Fraternity	101	Minn.
43	Isaac P. Durfee	St. Paul	April 18, 1871	Jan. 11, 1893	Fraternity	101	Minn.
44	Christopher H. Smith*	St. Paul	May —, 1861	Jan. 11, 1893	Fraternity	101	Minn.
45	Edward W. Durant	Stillwater	Jan. 26, 1857	Jan. 11, 1893	St. Johns	1	Minn.
46	Cyrus G. Holden	Chatfield.	Feb. 6, 1865	Jan. 11, 1893	Meridian.	56	Minn.
47	William Tuttle Rigby	Clearwater	Nov. —, 1849	Jan. 11, 1893	Clear Water	23	Minn.
48	Andrew Milne	Winnebago City	June 8, 1865	Jan. 11, 1893	Blue Earth Valley	27	Minn.
49	Harrison G. Peck	Shakopee	Aug. 4, 1865	Jan. 11, 1893	King Solomon	44	Minn.
50	William Solon Mellen *	St. Paul	Nov. 9, 1868	Jan. 11, 1893	Covenant	526	Ill.
51	John William Boxell	St. Paul	Feb. —, 1853	Jan. 11, 1893	Golden Rule	65	Minn.
52	Peter Stainforth Macgowan	St. Paul	Dec. 23, 1867	Jan. 11, 1893	Winthrop	.....	Mass.
53	William Fletcher Bailey	West Duluth	Nov. 12, 1861	Jan. 11, 1893	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
54	Abel Cox	Le Sueur	March 17, 1871	Jan. 11, 1893	Union	45	Minn.
55	Roscoe F. Hersey.	St. Paul	Oct. 4, 1862	Jan. 12, 1893	St. Johns	1	Minn.
56	Jonathan Tibbets Furber	Madelia	March 1, 1852	Jan. 12, 1893	Madelia	66	Minn.
57	William H. Bentley	Grand Meadow	Feb. 15, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	Grand Meadow	121	Minn.
58	John H. Low	Slayton	Nov. 11, 1865	Jan. 12, 1893	Murray	199	Minn.
59	William E. Baker	Redwood Falls	May 10, 1858	Jan. 12, 1893	Antiquity	91	Minn.
60	Alonzo Brandenburg	Fergus Falls	July 17, 1872	Jan. 12, 1893	Corner Stone	99	Minn.
61	John J. Rhodes	St. Paul	Dec. 17, 1860	Jan. 12, 1893	Mount Moriah	35	Minn.
62	Solon Armstrong	Minneapolis	April 16, 1866	Jan. 12, 1893	Cataract	2	Minn.
63	Sheldon Lord Frazer	Duluth	May 22, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	Ionic	186	Minn.
64	Orville Gilbert Miller*	St. Paul	Aug. 27, 1858	Jan. 12, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
65	Charles Brust	New Ulm	Nov. —, 1868	Jan. 12, 1893	Charity	98	Minn.
66	John Niven	St. Paul	Oct. 14, 1850	Jan. 12, 1893	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
67	Lysander Cook	Good Thunder	April 2, 1857	Jan. 12, 1893	Joppa	76	Minn.
68	Ambrose La Due	Mantorville	Sept. 10, 1867	Jan. 12, 1893	Mantorville	11	Minn.
69	Ambrose D. Countryman	Appleton	Jan. 11, 1872	Jan. 12, 1893	Appleton	137	Minn.
70	Chester Goss Higbee	St. Paul	Jan. 30, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
71	George D. McArthur	Blue Earth City	July 15, 1857	Jan. 12, 1893	Blue Earth City	57	Minn.
72	John J. Thornton	St. James	July 3, 1868	Jan. 12, 1893	Libanus	96	Minn.
73	John M. Richter	Red Wing	March 26, 1869	March 9, 1893	Red Wing	8	Minn.
74	William S. Dedon	Taylors Falls	Sept. 18, 1870	March 9, 1893	Zion	55	Minn.
75	Robert Holgate	Lead, S. D	April 17, 1868	March 9, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
76	Orrin C. Meaker	Excelsior	Feb. 5, 1862	March 9, 1893	Excelsior	113	Minn.
77	Adam Finck	St. Paul	April 5, 1869	March 9, 1893	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
78	John R. Carey.	Duluth	April 3, 1871	March 9, 1893	Palestine	79	Minn.
79	John Savage Noble	Browns Valley	Dec. 27, 1871	May 1, 1893	Kodahya	153	Minn.
80	Benjamin Ash Provoost	St. Paul	Aug. 27, 1868	May 1, 1893	Triune	190	Minn.
81	Romaine Sheire	St. Paul	Oct. 19, 1866	May 1, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.

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Certificate Number.	Names.	Residence. (Minnesota.)	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	Present Lodge Membership.		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
82	Ira Martin Swartz	St. Paul	Aug. 16, 1867	May 1, 1893	Story	4	Utah.
83	Julius Henry Burwell	St. Paul	March 15, 1872	May 1, 1893	Summit	163	Minn.
84	Delos Abram Monfort	St. Paul	Feb. 3, 1857	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
85	Archie Guthrie	St. Paul	Jan. 29, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	St. Paul	3	Minn.
86	William Parker Jewett	St. Paul	March 21, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
87	John Winthrop Eddy	Morris	Dec. 2, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Golden Sheaf	133	Minn.
88	Charles H. Goodwin	Minneapolis	Dec. 11, 1867	Jan. 1, 1894	Minnehaha	165	Minn.
89	William F. Mowatt	Minneapolis	May 31, 1865	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin	4	Minn.
90	George Zeller	Minneapolis	Feb. 1, 1870	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin	4	Minn.
91	Aaron Pearson Cameron	St. Paul	Aug. 24, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
92	Isaac P. Wright	St. Paul	——— —, 1850	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
93	Neville Staughton*	Winona	Feb 18, 1860	Jan. 9, 1894	Winona	18	Minn.
94	Benjamin J. Knapp	St. Paul	Oct. 4, 1870	Jan. 9, 1894	St. Paul	3	Minn.
95	Joseph Bergfeld	St. Paul	Sept. 7, 1854	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
96	Isaac Bower	St. Paul	Nov. 11, 1869	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
97	George Hunsaker	St. Paul	May 18, 1871	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
98	Nathan Kingsley	Austin	July 16, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Meridian	56	Minn.
99	Robert S. Miles	Glencoe	July 20, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Hope	42	Minn.
100	Albert J. Snure	Hokah	May 5, 1868	Jan. 9, 1894	Hokah	17	Minn.
101	John Hutton	Windom	Jan. 15, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Prudence	97	Minn.
102	James Francis Tostevin	St. Paul	May 24, 1869	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
103	George Adelbert Blair*	Waterville	Oct. 2, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Sakatah	32	Minn.
104	Henry R. Wells.**	Preston	Feb. 21, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Preston	36	Minn.
105	Edward Phelps Barnum	St. Cloud	Feb. 27, 1857	Jan. 11, 1894	Star in the West	60	Minn.
106	Loren W. Collins	St. Cloud	Feb. 4, 1861	Jan. 11, 1894	North Star	23	Minn.
107	Clark Keysor	Mankato	Jan. 17, 1863	Jan. 11, 1894	Mankato	12	Minn.
108	Charles W. Burdic	St. Paul	May 19, 1869	Jan. 11, 1894	Star in the East	33	Minn.
109	William T. Rich	St. Paul	March 14, 1870	Jan. 11, 1894	Midway	185	Minn.
110	Charles C. Goodnow	Pipestone	Feb. 2, 1872	Jan. 11, 1894	Quarry	148	Minn.
111	Hiram De Esten Brown	St. Paul	Nov. 19, 1872	Jan. 11, 1894	Summit	163	Minn.
112	W. Milton Selby	La Crescent	Dec. 28, 1869	Jan. 11, 1894	Morning Star	29	Minn.
113	Robert Bruce Langdon*	Minneapolis	Dec. 10, 1860	Feb. 10, 1894	Khurum	112	Minn.
114	Thomas Minshall	La Crescent	Jan. 7, 1860	Feb. 10, 1894	Morning Star	29	Minn.
115	George Russell Babbitt	Osakis	June 27, 1866	April 13, 1894	Osakis	180	Minn.
116	Charles Frederick Mahler	St. Paul	Feb. 10, 1859	April 13, 1894	Summit	163	Minn.

117	George William Seymour	Taylors Falls	Jan. 7, 1863	April 13, 1894	Zion	55	Minn.
118	William Parker Brown	Minneapolis	Dec. 9, 1857	April 13, 1894	Red Wing	8	Minn.
119	Eben Lovering	St. Paul	July 18, 1865	April 13, 1894	Carroll	57	N. H.
120	John H. Sutherland	Detroit	May 4, 1857	June 4, 1894	Mount Tabor	106	Minn.
121	Andrew Peter Swanstrom	St. Paul	Nov. 6, 1873	Jan. 3, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
122	Watson Eugene Bonfoey	St. Paul	April 16, 1870	Jan. 3, 1895	Walnut Hills	483	Ohio.
123	William Cox	Graceville	Jan. 7, 1868	Jan. 3, 1895	Friendship	212	Minn.
124	Joseph E. McWilliams	St. Paul	June 13, 1867	Jan. 3, 1895	Summit	163	Minn.
125	Robert Armstrong Smith	St. Paul	Dec. 12, 1866	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
126	Isaac Lincoln	St. Paul	March 25, 1872	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon	44	Minn.
127	Frederick Richter	St. Paul	Jan. 30, 1865	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
128	John House	Morris	April 28, 1866	Jan. 15, 1895	Golden Sheaf	133	Minn.
129	Jonathan D. Sprague	Morris	Dec. 3, 1873	Jan. 15, 1895	Murray	380	N. Y.
130	Lathrop E. Reed	St. Paul	April 2, 1857	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
131	Alexander Donald	St. Paul	March 18, 1868	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
132	Edward Seymour Baldwin	St. Paul	April 1, 1871	Jan. 15, 1895	St. Paul	3	Minn.
133	Oscar Fitzallen Bardwell	White Bear	Feb. 9, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Garnet	166	Minn.
134	John Fairfield Stone	Pine City	Jan. 8, 1865	Jan. 15, 1895	Jasper	164	Minn.
135	Neil Currie	Currie	Dec. 16, 1864	Jan. 15, 1895	Currie	142	Minn.
136	John Robert Storr	St. Paul	Oct. 13, 1871	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
137	Levi T. Lyon	Hokah	May 21, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Hokah	17	Minn.
138	Benjamin Franklin Thurber	Worthington	March 16, 1872	Jan. 15, 1895	Fraternity	101	Minn.
139	Clarence Adelbert Hubbard	Lake City	Jan. 8, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Carnelian	40	Minn.
140	Irving Todd	Hastings	Jan. 13, 1864	Jan. 16, 1895	Dakota	7	Minn.
141	William L. Humason	Stewartville	Oct. —, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Stewartville	203	Minn.
142	Henry M. Tusler	St. Paul	April 29, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Summit	163	Minn.
143	William Harwood Carter	Browns Valley	June 11, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Kodahya	153	Minn.
144	John Sutheimer	Chaska	Dec. 29, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Chaska	151	Minn.
145	Thomas Chase Shapleigh	Hallock	Sept. 13, 1853	Jan. 16, 1895	Hallock	212	Minn.
146	Francis Cadwell	Le Sueur	March 9, 1867	Jan. 16, 1895	Union	45	Minn.
147	Jared G. Wheeler	Kasson	May —, 1868	Jan. 17, 1895	Huram Abi	83	Minn.
148	Henry Orme	St. Paul	April 11, 1867	Jan. 26, 1895	Summit	163	Minn.
149	Charles Henry Mix	Crookston	Feb. 12, 1857	Mch. 30, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
150	Alfred S. Dimond	Winthrop	Mch. 29, 1864	Mch. 30, 1895	Sibley	209	Minn.
151	James Henry Thomas	Crookston	Aug. 9, 1873	Mch. 30, 1895	Crookston	141	Minn.
152	James Cotter Hawes	Red Wing	May 21, 1866	Aug. 3, 1895	Red Wing	8	Minn.
153	George Forsyth	Brainerd	Sept. 15, 1864	Oct. 19, 1895	Aurora	100	Minn.
154	John Taylor Frater	Brainerd	May 15, 1872	Dec. 28, 1895	Aurora	100	Minn.
155	Elisha Morcom	Tower	Dec. 15, 1858	Dec. 28, 1895	Vermillion	197	Minn.
156	Andrew Allen	St. Paul	May 7, 1869	Dec. 28, 1895	Red Wing	8	Minn.
157	William Cole Ashton	St. Paul	April 1, 1868	Dec. 28, 1895	St. Paul	3	Minn.
158	James M. J. Sanno	Fort Snelling	Mch. 3, 1864	Jan. 14, 1896	Mansfield	36	N. J.
159	George A. Keene	Brainerd	June 24, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Aurora	100	Minn.
160	Silas N. Harrington	Marshall	Oct. 26, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Delta	119	Minn.
161	John Dudley Condit	St. Paul	Sept. 7, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Eau Claire	112	Wis.

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					Lodge.	No.	State.
162	Max Frankel	St. Paul	Mch. 4, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
163	Thomas Jefferson Lombard**	Hudson, Wis	Dec. 10, 1851	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon	44	Minn.
164	John F. Humiston	Heron Lake	April 22, 1867	Jan. 14, 1896	Columbia	210	Minn.
165	Daniel W. Pond	St. Paul	——, 1855	Jan. 14, 1895	St. Paul	3	Minn.
166	David Hanna	White Bear Lake	Mch. 3, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Garnet	166	Minn.
167	William J. Munro	Morris	Oct. 14, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Golden Sheaf	133	Minn.
168	Jos. Merritt Underwood	Lake City	Mch. 7, 1871	Jan. 14, 1896	Carnelian	40	Minn.
169	John W. Kennedy	Lake City	Jan. 21, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Carnelian	40	Minn.
170	Samuel R. Van Sant	Winona	Mch. 29, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Winona	18	Minn.
171	William C. Williston	Red Wing	Sept. 6, 1861	Jan. 14, 1896	Red Wing	8	Minn.
172	Henry Hinkens	St. Paul	Dec. 20, 1862	Jan. 15, 1896	St. Paul	3	Minn.
173	George W. Ballard	Dodge Center	Nov. 1, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Relief	108	Minn.
174	Francis B. Hubbard	St. Paul	Jan. 4, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Anchor	81	Mich.
175	August E. Anderson	Kasson	July 22, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Huram Abi	83	Minn.
176	Alexander Fiddes	Jackson	June —, 1865	Jan, 15, 1896	Good Faith	90	Minn.
177	James Jenks	St. Cloud	Feb. 28, 1852	Jan. 15, 1896	Clear Water	28	Minn.
178	Henry P. Constans	Blue Earth City	Aug. 8, 1861	Jan. 15, 1896	Blue Earth City	57	Minn.
179	Thomas Cox	Minneapolis	Dec. 5, 1872	Jan. 15, 1896	Minnehaha	165	Minn.
180	William Strafford	Chatfield	Dec. 31, 1868	Jan. 15, 1896	Meridian	56	Minn.
181	Hugh E. Grant	St. Paul	Sept. 10, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
182	Augustus Smith	Plainview	Dec. 28 1860	Jan. 15, 1896	Illustrious	63	Minn.
183	Walter Birch	Faribault	Oct. 21, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Faribault	9	Minn.
184	Peter J. Schwarg	Mantorville	June 3, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Huram Abi	83	Minn.
185	Oscar L. Cutter	Anoka	Sept. 30, 1871	Jan. 15, 1896	Anoka	30	Minn.
186	Alex. Newell Hayes	St. Paul	Sept. 25, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	St. Paul	3	Minn.
187	Robert Forbes	Duluth	Dec. 10, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Cataract	2	Minn.
188	John Charles Munro	St. Cloud	Oct. 22, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	North Star	23	Minn.
189	Henry R. Denny**	St. Paul	Sept. 8, 1863	Jan. 15, 1896	Carver	111	Minn.
190	William Lossing	Howard Lake	Oct. 10, 1872	Jan. 16, 1896	Howard	82	Minn.
191	Alonzo James Burningham	St. Paul	Sept. 23, 1875	Sept. 23, 1896	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
192	Bowne Gershom Yates	St. Paul	Dec. 15, 1866	Sept. 23, 1896	Madelia	66	Minn.
193	Francis Marion Hesler	Morris	Aug. —, 1866	Sept. 23, 1896	Golden Sheaf	133	Minn.
194	Owen Thomas Swett	Minneapolis	Feb. 21, 1859	Dec. 31, 1896	Cataract	2	Minn.
195	Isaac Leggett Hart	Pipestone	Nov. 2, 1871	Dec. 31, 1896	Quarry	148	Minn.

196	James Martin Paine	Carlton	Apr. 15, 1864	Dec. 31, 1896	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
197	Thomas Henry Sherry	St. Paul	Dec. 17, 1866	Dec. 31, 1896	Capital City	217	Minn.
198	James William Busby	St. Paul	Nov. 20, 1873	Dec. 31, 1896	Capital City	217	Minn.
199	Frederick William Dohm	St. Paul	Dec. 12, 1872	Dec. 31, 1896	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
200	Edgar Swartwout Dudley	St. Paul	Aug. 20, 1868	Jan. 12, 1897	Lincoln	19	Neb.
201	George Washington Carpenter	Minneapolis	Oct. 17, 1862	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
202	Daniel Douglas	Minneapolis	Nov. 23, 1874	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
203	Charles Edward Kent	Minneapolis	Aug. 19, 1873	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
204	Edward Martin	Minneapolis	Nov. 19, 1870	Jan. 12, 1897	Hennepin	4	Minn.
205	George Benton Arnold	Kasson	Dec. 4, 1866	Jan. 12, 1897	Huram Abi	83	Minn.
206	Napoleon Bonaparte Chase	Brainerd	Sept. 18, 1867	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora	100	Minn.
207	Andrew Eliotte Veon	Brainerd	Feb. 27, 1867	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora	100	Minn.
208	John Fairfield Perry	Minneapolis	Apr. 27, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora	50	Maine.
209	Dolphus Goff Linsley	Morris	Mar. 19, 1872	Jan. 12, 1897	Golden Sheaf	133	Minn.
210	Chas. Roderick Judson Kellam	Heron Lake	June 21, 1865	Jan. 12, 1897	Columbia	210	Minn.
211	John Carl Terry	St. Paul	Sept. 28, 1854	Jan. 12, 1897	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
212	John Franklin Hoyt	St. Paul	May 30, 1865	Jan. 12, 1897	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
213	John Park Lester	Canby	May 25, 1872	Jan. 13, 1897	Canby	147	Minn.
214	Jerry Everett Getman	Minneapolis	April 17, 1872	Jan. 13, 1897	Relief	108	Minn.
215	Hugh McMurtie	Mankato	Sept. 25, 1869	Jan. 13, 1897	Mankato	12	Minn.
216	Ezra Cary Pratt	Minneapolis	Apr. 2, 1862	Jan. 13, 1897	Cataract	2	Minn.
217	Moses Philpot Hayes	Minneapolis	June 30, 1864	Jan. 13, 1897	Cataract	2	Minn.
218	James M. D. Craft	Farmington	June —, 1854	Jan. 13, 1897	Corinthian	67	Minn.
219	George Hugh Munro	Morris	June 4, 1875	Jan. 13, 1897	Golden Sheaf	133	Minn.
220	William Edwin Burton	St. Paul	July 22, 1875	Jan. 13, 1897	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
221	Rutilius Britt Basford	Winona	April 18, 1861	Jan. 13, 1897	Winona	18	Minn.
222	Phineas Sylvester Rudolph	Annandale	Jan. 25, 1864	Jan. 13, 1897	Fair Haven	182	Minn.
223	Edwin Joseph Hodges	Minneapolis	Apr. 25, 1873	Jan. 13, 1897	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
224	Lauchlin Joseph Hart	St. Paul	Dec. 2, 1875	Jan. 14, 1897	Braden	168	Minn.

* Deceased.
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JAMES F. LAWLESS,

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